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Number one ... West German coach Franz Beckenbauer's gesture is unmistakable after his team trounced Yugoslavia 4-1 in their World Cup opener.

Constantine impatient

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation Chairman John Constantine vows that an urgent decision will be made over the filling of the vacant national coaching position.

He told ASW: "Very recent discussions have taken place with Dr Josef Venglos (the Czech World Cup coach).

"I have become impatient over the matter, and progress must be made next week to finalise it."

Leading the field if the Venglos deal falls through is National coaching director Eddie Thomson, with Marconi's Berti Mariani and 1974 supreme Rale Rasic also well in the field.

Meanwhile the pressure is on in the NSW State League.

No less than six clubs head the table with six points — Canberra, Avala, Rockdale, Sydney Macedonia, Canterbury and Sutherland — with St George and



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Roos prepare 'away' at Olympic Park

BY GREG BLAKE

A largely inexperienced Australian team gained invaluable match practice in 'away' game conditions as it drew 2-2 in the second of a two match series against Hajduk Split at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

In an atmosphere reminiscent of the bad old days of Aussie Soccer, the Socceroos had to play a home friendly in front of an overwhelmingly pro-Hajduk crowd.

And with green and gold fans few and far between, the local Hajduk supporters milked the occasion for all it was worth, and in the end came damned close to sparking off some potentially nasty incidents.

From the time Australia went ahead — by grace of a 50th minute penalty — until the end of the game, the police officers ringing the touchline ran a gauntlet of smoke

flares and half-empty drink cans thrown from the crowd.

Experienced Aussie skipper Charlie Yankos shrugged off the disheartening lack of Aussie support by saying after the game that "it gets to the stage when you learn to block it out."

But coming through such a test, against a Hajduk team rated by interim coach Eddie Thomson as "one of the best to tour this country", was a morale boosting effort by the Aussies.

The first up defeat and return game draw against Australia also left its mark on Hajduk coach Luka Peruzovic, who admitted later that the "Australians played with more heart."

"Our team lacked the spirit and the fight of the Australians", Peruzovic conceded.

Australia looked disjointed in the early going and allowed Hajduk valuable possession time and it came as no surprise when the visitors took

an 21st minute lead as rampaging right-back Hadiabdic's speculative shot went in off Paul Wade to open the score.

Despite impressive lead-up work inspired by Ernie Tapai, who dominated his right wing, Australia struggled up front where debutant Kimon Taliadoros looked to be suffering with a touch of nerves.

But Australia stuck to its guns, despite some almost unnerving one touch stuff from Hajduk, and found an equaliser before half time through the unlikely avenue of Mehmet Durakovic.

Durakovic, playing in an unaccustomed role in left midfield, crashed home the goal of the game three minutes from half time when he lobbed keeper Pralija from 20 metres on the run.

A dramatic miss from close range by Taliadoros shortly after half time signalled the Aussies intent to take the game up to



Aussie caretaker coach Eddie Thomson interviewed by SBS-TV's Mike Tomalaris after the Socceroos' 1-0 win over Hajduk in Sydney — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

the visitors in the second half.

And just to prove

that they were equally as intent on making a genuine contest of it,

the Hajduk players lit the fuse to what was a potentially explosive second half of very willing action just three minutes later.

Igor Stimac's crash tackle on Andrew Bernal in the box earned the displeasure of referee Chris Bambridge.

As Bernal lay prone the former World Cup finals referee booked Stimac and awarded a penalty to the Aussies.

The Hajduk protests were loud and long as players jostled and chased Bambridge around the area.

One gained the impression that the World Cup itself was at stake as the Hajduk players held up play, on my watch, by over six and a half minutes before skipper Charlie Yankos was allowed to stride up and slam home the spot-kick.

The Australian lead lasted less than ten minutes' with Mise crossing for substitute Vucevic to head home past a sprawling Zabica.

Zabica provided at

least one memorable moment during the second half as the match itself deteriorated into a dreary, niggling spectacle.

In the 72nd minute the South Australian keeper produced a marvellous save as he dived to his left to turn Vucevic's blasted free kick from 25 metres around the post.

At the post-match conference Thomson fielded questions about his tenure as national boss with a degree of impatience.

"You need to ask John Constantine that," he said in response to a query whether he had been approached about staying on.

"I've been expecting to know for the past month about that (the national team job)"

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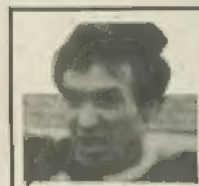
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Former Socceroo Steve O'Connor learns the ropes at Institute

GRAHAM COOKE FACE TO FACE WITH STEVE O'CONNOR

NINE months ago Steve O'Connor made the decision that all soccer players dread having to face — he gave up playing the game.

There were all the usual temptations for just one more season — in a distinguished first class career with Sydney City, St George and Apia-Leichhardt he had played 285 times in the National Soccer League.

Surely 15 more, and the magical figure of 300, was not beyond his reach?

"I was 35 years old and we had had a struggling year at Apia," he said after taking up his new job as assistant coach at the Australian Institute of Sport.

"The legs were beginning to go and I knew my days at the top level were over."

For a while it seemed the best he could hope for was the obscurity of coaching in lower division football.

"I put out the usual kind of feelers and Manly and Campbelltown were interested."

"Then, out of the blue, AIS head coach Ron Smith rang up and asked me if I was interested in the assistant's job there."

"I had a think about it, and decided to apply."

Sydney-born physical education teacher O'Connor knew something about the Institute.

"I had been here for a level-two coaching course and seen over the place."

"Before that I used to come to Bruce Stadium regularly when Canberra was in the National League."

"But I don't think the Institute does enough to promote itself."

"Most people in the NSL, unless they are ex-students, don't really know what it's all about."

"Yet there's some really exciting things going on down here."

"I've not been in the job long, but I'm already enjoying the motivational atmosphere."

"It's a great shame that Australian teams don't make more use of the facilities."

Nothing like the Institute of Sport existed when O'Connor was a boy kicking a ball around the local park at Revesby.

"As a youngster I had a minor respira-



STEVE O'CONNOR

tory problem and my mother thought playing soccer would help."

He began with Revesby Rovers, graduating through representative teams to the NSW Second Division with Bankstown.

At 15 he was invited to play for Hakoah, one of the best known clubs in the country.

Beginning in the midfield, he matured into a top-class stopper where he formed a defensive partnership with a fellow called Eddie Thomson.

Then, in 1977, Hakoah took the momentous decision to join the fledgling NSL.

"We had got together a pretty fair squad that had won the NSW State League in the previous season and we were feeling pretty confident."

The confidence was born out as Hakoah took the first title on goal difference from Marconi, the first of four which the club, later renamed Sydney City, had claimed by 1982.

But throughout this period of success City never captured the imagination of the fans.

The Jewish community, which had once been the foundation of Hakoah's support, had drifted away and the club could not succeed in converting itself to a district based team.

The crunch came at the beginning of the 1987 season.

The Hakoah club announced it would not continue to pump money into a team which was playing in front of 300 spectators and City passed into history.

"The season had already begun when they pulled the plug," O'Connor said.

"Some of the staff never played again. Others, myself included, went on free transfers."

"St George was struggling at the time and coach Frank Arok wanted myself and Kevin Hagan to settle things down."

"We did our job there. The young players matured and we weren't needed any more, so it was a case of 'thank you very much'."

He has now put his playing days firmly behind him.

"I'm planning to spend a few years down here."

"I've a bit to offer in

terms of playing experience and I should have a lot more by the end of my two-year contract."

"In the longer term I would like to get back into the NSL as a coach, or in some position where I could be developing young players."

"It was something I noticed when I was a teacher."



"Rugby league and Australian rules were always coming round and putting on programs — soccer never did."

Bradley report endorsed

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Soccer Federation board of directors has endorsed the thrust of the Bradley Report, which is designed to update the structure of the Australian Soccer Federation.

NSW general manager Ian Holmes said: "The board has agreed to support the report in principle."

"We do not want to see its benefits eroded in a series of compromises."

Mr Holmes says his directors hoped that other states would act similarly.

He added: "It is the only way to go."

"It means that the ASF can be effectively marketed to the Australian population, the National Soccer League's place is secure, and State Federations have their interests protected as well."

ASF chairman John Constantine will visit ACT, Victoria and Tasmania this week, having already had discussions with the NSW and Northern NSW bodies.

NSW officials are also aiming to see a huge improvement in junior affairs with the implementation of the report.

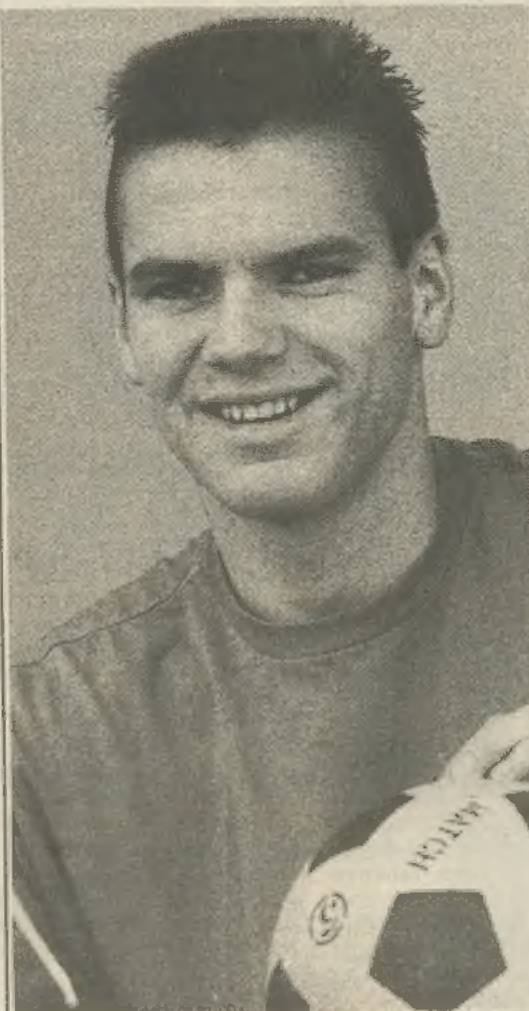
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(St George)



NAME: Tony Krslovic
 CLUB: St George
 BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Sydney, 14/7/69.
 HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 6'2", 85kg
 MARRIED: Single.
 HOME: Abbotsbury.
 NICKNAME: None.
 CAR: Honda-Integra.
 OCCUPATION: Student-Degree in Business.
 PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney Croatia.
 FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: A.C. Milan.
 FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Van Basten, Baresi.
 FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Zlatko Nastic.
 MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Alex Tobin.
 FAVOURITE GROUND: Melita Stadium-I've scored there every time I've played since I was eleven years old.
 MOST MEMORABLE GAME: None as yet.
 BIGGEST THRILL: Coming on as a substitute for Australia against the touring Hajduk Split.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing last year's Final against Sydney Olympic.
 WORST INJURY: None.
 FAVOURITE POSITION: Striker.
 FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and Cricket.
 FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything.
 FAVOURITE MUSIC: Simple Minds.
 FAVOURITE TV SHOW: L.A. Law.
 BEST FRIEND: Too many to list.
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Father.
 AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and overseas if possible.
 MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Zoki Ilioski.
 PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Pope.
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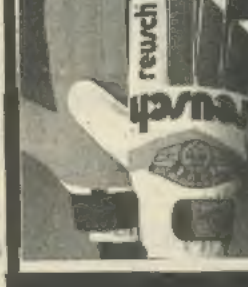
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IT was a big week for title favourites Dulwich Hill, who were in action twice since last week.

On Sunday they showed all their class to see off the ambitious Campbelltown Vikings and although going behind after only three minutes, recovered to finish the 3-1 victors.

The Vikings hit the net first with a Richard Celarc free kick, but Madeira levelled in the 25th through Dennis Duarte, who skimmed the ball into the top corner.

Duarte provided Steve Karavatakis with two good square passes, which led to goals two and three within a five minute period midway through the second half as Dulwich Hill provided supporters with a glimpse of their best form.

On Saturday Auburn Yugal and Orange Waratah played out a 1-1 draw in a deferred fixture staged at Mona Park, with both sides backing up next day.

Dulwich Hill shows their class

BY PAUL GOODWIN

Orange came oh-so-close to breaking their duck when they led 1-0 until the dying stages. Ron Davison slammed in a powerful free-kick which Rosario Pinto could only help into the net in the 80th minute.

Pinto pushed a Darren Sinclair shot round the post in the last few minutes to further deny the men from the West who were without anchor man Paul Waine.

Yugal drew level in the 87th through substitute Dave Candy and the point was the first for many weeks for the Blues.

On Sunday Auburn Yugal kept a strong Fairfield City at bay and were good value for their 0-0 draw. Young Vlado Zoric made a big impression on both days and had a shot cleared off the line in the second fixture.

The closest that Yugal came to scoring was when Paul Petterson's 54th minute angled shot hit the post and the follow up shot from Steve Dimoudis was well saved by the Fairfield keeper.

It was a tough period for Gladesville who did all but stop Dulwich Hill scoring on Wednesday night under the Christie

Park lights, before substitute Dennis Duarte intervened with a typically opportunist goal in the 83rd (after a free kick by Jim Ziras had rebounded off the post) and gave the visitors a 1-0 win.

The Mitre 10 Bears faced Southern Districts on Sunday and although two goals down at the interval, could have squeezed out a draw rather than the 3-1 defeat inflicted on them by the visitors.

Aytec Genc was the star on a very heavy pitch, his great work on the left leading to a good cross which Gerkin Tasdemir drove home, after an initial header had been cleared to the edge of the box in the 23rd minute.

Tasdemir was on hand to head home the second when Birol Sertbas floated over a free kick from deep on the left.

Gladesville showed tremendous fight to pull one back, thanks to Angelo Raguz, who burst through the defence and showed a willingness to shoot on sight when close to goal.

Southern Districts survived a torrid final fifteen minutes and grabbed a third goal

from the penalty spot in stoppage time, when Genc was brought down by David Griffiths.

Petersham continued their recent good form, getting a 19th minute penalty from Danny Zannola when Darren Stephenson had been felled in the box and went on to win 2-1.

Stephenson got the second in the 57th and Manly managed to get a 75th minute penalty thanks to Tiz Morosini.

Rosebery's tale of woe continued at the Sydney Athletic Field where the improving Granville Chile ran out 3-1 winners.

Andy Ferris grabbed two goals and substitute John Palapanis gave Rosebery a glimmer of hope in the 88th, before Marcos Leon put the matter beyond doubt late in the piece.

Central Coast became yet another side to win at Waverley Oval, which has not been a happy hunting ground for the Eastern Suburbs side. Two goals from Jason Gribble did the damage in a 2-0 win which enhanced Coast's recent reputation for quality play.

At Orange the Waratahs were without some players, injured the previous day, and after a good first half went down 2-0 to a well prepared Mount Druitt side.

Wayne Farnsworth got the first in the 55th and Craig Smith the second in the 75th and



Mt Druitt Town player-coach Wayne Farnsworth was on the job at Orange, when he scored in the 2-0 win over the Waratahs.

the decision to travel up the previous day obviously paid dividends for the Sydney side which recorded only its second win of the season.

RESULTS
Gladesville-Hornsby 0 Dulwich Hill Madeira 1 (Duarte), Petersham Lusitanos 2 (Zannola pen., Stephenson) Manly-Warringah 1 (Morosini pen.), Rosebery Portugal 1 (J. Palapanis) Granville-Chile 3 (Ferris 2, Leon), Waverley 0 Central Coast 2 (Gribble 2), Orange-Waratah 0 Mount Druitt 2 (Farnsworth, Smith), Dulwich Hill Madeira 3 (Duarte, Karavatakis 2) Campbelltown Vikings 1 (Celarc), Auburn Yugal 1 (Candy), Orange-Waratah 1 (Davison),

Auburn Yugal 0 Fairfield 0, Gladesville-Hornsby 1 (Raguz) Southern Districts 3 (Tasdemir 2, Sertbas pen.).

LEADING SCORERS: 10 Paul Harriott, Sep Diech, Dennis Duarte, 9 Andy Ferris, 8 Barry Walker, 6 Mark Butler, Graeme Williamson, Gerkin Tasdemir, 5 Remyle Galloway, Paul Petterson, Gary Hastie, Leo Ulloa, Darren Stephenson, Ray Carney, 4 Nello Borges, Stephen Hooper, Oskar Selik, Max De Felicibus, Steve Karavatakis, Chris Butt, Birol Sertbas, Tiz Morosini, Jason Gribble.

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Polonia hot on their heels.

Newcastle BHP Austral is struggling, whilst Blacktown City, despite their financial strength, appear to be out of the promotion race and should be searching for the reasons.

In Victoria, at least eight of the mammoth 18 team State League are in with a chance, with 14 rounds to go.

READER'S LETTERS

We regret that, with the pressure of space for the World Cup, it has not been possible to date to publish many Letters to the Editor which are on hand.

NSW

Wednesday June 20
State League
Conference B:
Sydney Croatia v
North Shore,
Croston Sports
Centre, 7pm, 9pm.
Division 2:
Campbelltown v
Waverley, Bensley
Road, 6.30pm,
8.30pm.

Thursday June 21
Mt Druitt Town v
Auburn Yugal,
Popondetta Park,
6.30pm, 8.15pm.

Canberra Croatia victory

BY GRAHAM COOKE

NINETY minutes of hard running, uncompromising tackling and enthusiasm were not sufficient for lowly Wollongong City to cancel out the class of Canberra Croatia at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

Croatia paid the penalty for an over-casual start and fell behind in the 14th minute. That, and the fact that after regaining control they did not punish City in a goal-less second half, meant coach Tom Sermanni was a less than happy man at the end of the day.

Wollongong's bustling jostling style, coupled with a clever use of the offside trap, frustrated Canberra early on and brought the visitors success when they won a free kick about 30 metres out.

Jason Oldridge knocked the ball goalwards and a late deflection left goalkeeper Peter Gunning stranded as it trickled into the corner of the net.

Joe Gagetti probed down the left and tried to set up Tony Lemezina in front of the Wollongong goal. The striker's shot was cleared only as far as Zoran Pratezina who hit a half volley wide.

Then a long ball out of defence from Ned Zelic beat the offside trap but Lemezina's finish was high and wide.

Lemezina was to play a part in all three of his team's goals. After 27 minutes he was brought down from behind in the penalty area and Reis placed the spot kick out of the reach of goalkeeper George Bouthoutsos.

Within a minute Lemezina was down again, this time outside the area. Zelic lined up the free kick and the striker timed his run to perfection to score with a running header.

And with half-time approaching, Lemezina fired in a shot which Bouthoutsos could only parry upwards and outwards, presenting the easiest of headers for Reis who duly tucked the ball away.

Croatia should have been worth at least a couple more goals in the second half but the closest it came was from another penalty, when referee Neil Murray judged Glenn Gilchrist had fouled Stan Dukic in the box. This time Reis hit his shot too close to Bouthoutsos who was able to turn the ball round the post.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcelina (Serena 49), Gagetti, Dunn, Junna, Kulscar, Pratezina, Reis, Lemezina, Dukic (Young 90).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouthoutsos, McEvoy, Alport, Baggot, Lloyd, Piacentini, Krishna, Gilchrist, Danzo, Oldridge, Higgs. REFEREE: N. Murray. CROWD: 1120.

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SATURDAY JUNE 16

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Canterbury v Wollongong Mac Arlington Oval

DIVISION 2

Waverley v Orange Waratahs Waverley Oval

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Concordia v Mt Pritchard Mackey Park
Port Hacking v North Ryde RSL Seymour Shaw

SUNDAY JUNE 17

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Sydney Olympic v Avala St George Stad 3pm
Rockdale Ilinden v Sydney Macedonla Hurstville Oval
Canberra Croatia v BHP Austral Deakin Oval
Wollongong City v Marconi Brandon Park
Warringah, bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

St George v Polonia St George Stad 1pm
Blacktown City v Inter Monaro Gabbie Stadium
Sutherland, bye

DIVISION 2

Fairfield City v Campbelltown Vik Knight Park
Dulwich Hill v Central Coast Arlington Oval
Gladesville H'by v Auburn Yugal Christie Park
Granville Chile v Southern District Garside Park
Manly Warringah v Rosebery Cromer Park
Petersham v Mt Druitt Town Erskineville Oval

DIVISION 3

Bathurst 75 v Canterbury & Dist Kelso Park
Cyprus Utd v West Wanderers Fraser Park
Hills Utd v Uni of NSW Fred Caterson
Lemnos Allstars v Bankstown Camperdown Oval

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Composite Table

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	3	3	0	0	10	2	8
Avala	3	3	0	0	11	4	6
Rockdale Ilinden	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Sydney Macedonia	3	3	0	0	5	1	6
Canterbury	4	3	0	1	9	7	6
Sutherland Shire	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
St George	4	2	1	1	14	9	5
Polonia	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	7	5	4
Wollongong Mac	3	1	2	0	8	7	4
BHP Austral	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
North Shore Utd	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
Marconi	4	0	1	3	0	7	1
Inter Monaro	4	0	0	4	5	10	0
Blacktown City	4	0	0	4	4	11	0
Wollongong City	4	0	0	4	3	12	0
Sydney Olympic	4	0	0	4	2	11	0

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	3	3	0	0	10	1	6
Blacktown City	4	3	0	1	7	5	6
Wollongong City	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
Wollongong Mac	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Polonia	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Sydney Macedonia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Avala	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Inter Monaro	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
BHP Austral	2	1	1	0	9	7	3
St George	4	0	3	1	4	6	3
North Shore Utd	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Sutherland Shire	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
Canterbury	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
Marconi	4	0	1	3	6	13	1
Sydney Olympic	3	0	0	3	4	10	0
Rockdale Ilinden	2	0	0	2	1	7	0



Hajduk festival

DESPITE a Somers Street ground attendance record of nearly 12,000 fans, soccer almost took a back seat to socialising when touring Hajduk Split faced Melbourne Croatia last Sunday.

For the record, Hajduk beat Croatia 2-1 but it was more a day for the fans to enjoy a BBQ, go auto-graph hunting or spend up big on Hajduk flags and scarves as the European club hit town.

The only serious note of the day was an injury to Melbourne Croatia champion and former Socceroo great Alan Davidson, who was stretched from the ground with just five minutes left to play with an ankle injury.

Hajduk had scooted away to a 2-0 lead — to the delight of the packed gallery —

Sutherland good value as Monaro struggle

THIS probably wasn't as close a game as the 2-1 win to Sutherland suggests, as the home side was always in full control and never looked like surrendering their lead.

They went to the front in the eighth minute when Scott Leney made a run down the left flank and put over a pinpoint cross which Alex Hutcheon was able to meet by squeezing the ball between the keeper Hoszowski and the post with only inches to spare.

Baz Giampaolo was always the most likely to score for the visitors and hit the side netting from a volley in the 15th minute.

Sutherland were without John Kosmina and Graham Arnold and covered well enough for their absence.

Lebey again broke away in the 50th minute to find Grant Bard racing in and make it 2-0 from close range.

In the 68th minute, from a free kick just

Beddoni, Porter spike BHP guns

HAVING shown plenty of promise in the opening twenty five minutes, BHP Austral faded to eventually go down 2-1 to a well disciplined Rockdale side.

The turning point may have been in the 23rd minute when Ralph Maier failed to beat Keith Warren with a penalty attempt which, if more firmly struck, could have given the home side a deserved lead.

Bobby Naumov had put Robbie Ironside through, only for the Sydney Olympic loan player to be brought down in the box by the keeper.

Craig Carter blotted his copybook after some encouraging displays in recent weeks when a throw out could not find a Newcastle player and, instead, reached a grateful Bruno Beddoni who had no difficulty

thanks to goals from Grgica Kovacs and Marin Lalic.

Kovacs scored after just four minutes after running on to Stimac's pass and bursting free into the area and rifling the ball home.

Lalic made it 2-0 from a free kick four minutes after the break with Croatia sub Francis Awaritefe pulling a goal back on the hour after the Hajduk goalkeeper had scooped Josip Biskic's corner into his path.

— GREG BLAKE



STUART PORTER

putting his side one up. This came in the 41st minute and moments later Jimmy Campbell put a blistering shot just over the bar.

Although Australs dominated until the midway point of the first half, the Ilinden side had caused Howard Tredinnick to clear one shot off the line in the very early stages.

Four minutes after the restart Darren Wilson forced Carter to concede a corner and after a second had been won, following intense pressure Carter punched the ball out and eventually Stuart Porter latched onto it and hammered a low shot, with the aid of a wicked deflection, into the net.

Pol Krstevski made a big impact again when he took over from a disappointing Simon Brandt and had a good shot saved by Warren, who was in fine fettle.

The introduction of Scott Gresham lent

more urgency to the Newcastle attacks and, five minutes from time, the tenacious Krstevski scrambled the ball over the line after a do-or-die raid.

It was not the result the home side expected or needed: with only three points from their three outings they, like Blacktown, are already lagging behind the other contenders.

They do have a chance to claw their way back if they can defeat favourites Canberra Croatia at Deakin Oval on Sunday — a tall order indeed.

But if they are to be seriously considered for promotion they must win important games like this.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen (Gresham), Jones, Tredinnick, Boogaard, Maier, Naumov, Ironside, Phillips, Bailey, Brandt (Krstevski). **ROCKDALE-ILINDEN:** Warren, Segreto, Willis, Naumovski, Buchanan, Wilson, Deveridge, Campbell, Beddoni, Porter, Lerond. **REFEREE:** Bob Marshall.

"Youth" permitted

THERE has been a lot of criticism in the media about Melbourne Croatia's use of Alan Davidson in the National Youth League Grand Final by people with short memories who should know better.

In 1987 Apia used former Socceroo keeper Terry Greedy as Youth League goalkeeper during the season and in the finals.

Sydney Olympic called on Marshall Soper and Abbas Saad, "to add punch up front"

In 1988 Marconi used Tommy McCul-

loch and Geoff Gunning. In the 1989 Grand Final, only last September, Marconi used Gunning, who scored against Sunshine George Cross and Renato Licata.

So let's have an end to this whingeing and telling us it is against the spirit of the Youth League.

The rules permit four over-age players and there is nothing in them to suggest that these cannot be Socceroos.

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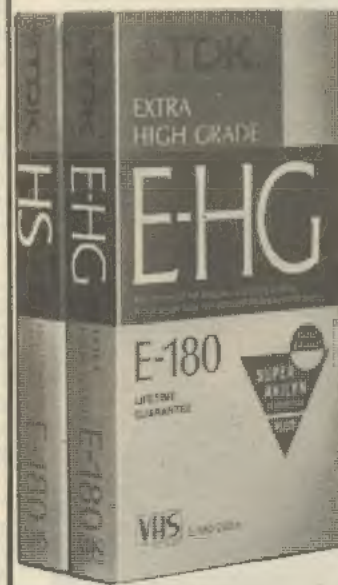
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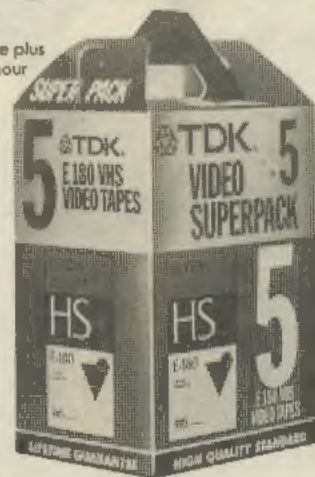
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Berries set sail for title

BY PAUL GOODWIN

CANTERBURY recorded their third win in as many weeks at Arlington Oval when they hit two late goals to defeat North Shore United 3-0.

A good even first half saw few chances for either side, with midfielders enjoying an enthralling tussle for superiority.

Canterbury began the game without their two Greek imports, who had arrived safely, but whose papers had not been cleared.

They were impressed with the physical strength of both sides and appreciated a game which was played very hard, but, in their opinion, in a very sporting manner.

Louis Dounis had a fine game and signal-

led his intentions with a header just over the bar, after a cross from the left by Nick Oustambasidis in the ninth minute.

Eighteen year old debut boy Ben Callcott put over a first time cross for North Shore in the 26th, which Glenn Jeffery headed well and which Tony Spyridakos was forced to boot of the line.

Spyridakos was also putting in his first appearance for his new club. He made a big impression, holding the backline together perfectly.

The Berries gave their supporters the tonic they needed three minutes before the break when Dounis received the ball wide on the right from Tom Divljak and hit a lovely curling shot into the top left corner of the net.

North Shore attacked well after the break and were unlucky not

to receive a penalty when a Canterbury defender appeared to handle the ball on the goal-line.

Tom Divljak was another home player to shine and his 60th minute free kick tested North Shore's new 'keeper Michael Blanco, who only parried the shot and the ball was scrambled clear.

Glenn Jeffery should have put his side level in the 62nd when Peter Norman put him through after a defensive mix-up, only for Jeffery to chip his shot over the bar.

Canterbury went two up when Spyridakos sent Dounis away on the left and after getting past Craig McColl, Dounis went round the keeper neat-

ly in the 66th.

Five minutes from time a free kick along the goal-line wide on the left was slipped by Divljak to Dounis and the low cross was tapped in easily by Jim Mellisourgis steaming in at the far post.

Substitute Neal Hunter, who became a father for the first time the previous evening, almost pulled one back for the visitors when his well flighted free kick rattled the under-side of the bar.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Slavski, Adamou, Spiridakos, Hantzis, Radman, Divljak, Godzik, Millesourgis, Oustambasidis, Dounis.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Blanco, McColl, Nile, Bass, Pierce, Callcott (Hunter), Bennett, Sutherland, Norman, Savidas, Jeffery (Bradley).

REFEREE: Gary Power.

Warringah's top display

THIS was one of the best perform-

Mark Swarzer that stood between them and a hatful of goals.

In the 30th minute Robert de Ceglie put over a cross from the left which found Versi, whose clever footwork saw him outfox the young custodian for goal number one.

Vic Masi tested the same man with two good shots, one of which was tipped over the bar and Marconi came back when Tony Surjan had a long range screamer tipped over by Milkaletic.

Shane Panetta was brought down in the box in the 66th minute and from the resultant penalty Warringah scored their second.

Jim McBreen had his first shot saved, but only parried as far as de Ceglie who drove the ball home from close range.

Swarzer was quick to spot the danger from the Freshwater striker when he did burst through, and smothered a potential shot as the home side stepped up a gear.

It was a pleasing performance from the locals from whom Morson and Oscilowski stood in well for the regulars at the back, and contributed to a solid showing by the side from the Northern peninsula.

Grant Lee had another strong game, and Versi made a big impression, but Man of the Match must go to young Swarzer who turned on a blinder.

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Morson, Etherington, Knight, Oscilowski, Lee, de Ceglie (sent off), Masi, McBreen (Glennone), Versi, Panetta.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: Schwarzer, Urwello, Cortes, Mammona, Lohan, Dal'Est (Masina 35), Charlewod (Celic 74), Surjan, Budini, Vanegas, Licata.

Spry Saints shine at Brandon Park

CONDITIONS at Brandon Park were hardly conducive to flowing football, but both sides were prepared to go forward and the 3-3 result could easily have been doubled, as many further chances went begging, particularly in the first half.

Wollongong scored twice early on in front of a disappointingly small crowd, with Greg Brown making an impression on the counter-attack and finishing well, after drawing the keeper.

Darren Galway rose high to head home the second following a corner, at which stage Macedonia looked like going on with the job.

St George had shown in its previous matches a capacity for penetrating attack and the youthful side pulled their way back with two goals before the break.

A low cross from John Kakakios was put away by Ossie El Ali and not long after, when Zoran Adioski came down in the penalty area, El Ali converted the penalty to bring the teams level again.

St George could have wrapped it up when Kakakios headed in an Adioski cross from the right.

But the home side took full advantage of six minutes of stoppage time to grab a late equaliser from Greg Brown, who managed to scramble the ball over the line as every Wollongong player converged on the St George goal.

It was another pleasing performance by the dashing young Saints who will continue to upset the State League sides, despite their inexperience.

Wollongong are finding, like other contenders Blacktown and Newcastle, that a 16 game season does not leave much margin for error.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Martin Bourke, Galway, Cabassi, Shaw, Sandy, Bradley, G. Brown, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

ST GEORGE: Prentice, Ciantar, Augerinos, Haragll, Milicevic, McGregor, Kakakios, Wilson, Poric (Charles), Adioski (Saboca), El Ali.

MATCH REPORTS

We apologise for the fact that reports are unavailable for this week on Sydney Macedonia — Sydney Olympic (2-1) and Sydney Croatia — Blacktown City (5-1).

Last Wednesday's match resulted in a 4-0 win for Avala over Marconi at Melita Stadium.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Dulwich Hill	13	9	4	0	28	7	22
Southern District	13	9	2	2	28	14	20
Camptown Vile	14	7	3	4	28	23	17
Fairfield City	14	5	7	2	20	15	17
Central Coast	14	7	2	5	19	18	16
Petersham	14	4	8	2	14	13	16
Granville Chile	15	6	3	6	20	23	15
Manly Warringah	14	4	4	6	17	15	12
Rosebery	12	5	2	5	22	22	12
Waverley	12	4	4	4	16	16	12
Gladesville H'by	15	3	6	6	19	26	12
Auburn Yugal	14	3	4	7	12	17	10
Mt Druitt Town	13	2	4	7	11	18	8
Orange War	15	0	3	12	11	38	3

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist	13	12	1	0	37	8	25
Granville Chile	15	11	2	2	32	18	24
Rosebery	13	9	2	3	34	20	20
Dulwich Hill	13	7	2	4	28	13	16
Manly W'gah	14	6	4	4	31	30	16
Gl'ville H'by	14	7	2	5	33	23	16
Central Coast	14	7	2	5	31	31	16
Camptown Vile	14	6	3	5	23	15	15
Fairfield City	14	5	1	8	17	26	11
Waverley	12	4	4	6	20	25	10
Mt Druitt Town	13	2	3	8	19	24	7
Petersham	14	2	3	9	12	29	7
Auburn Yugal	14	2	10	16	48	6	3
Orange W'gah	15	0	3	12	11	38	3

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Mt Pritchard	7	5	2	0	18	4	12
Hills United	9	4	3	2	18	11	11
Lannos Allstars	9	5	1	3	14	10	11
Bankstown	8	3	4	1	15	8	10
Port Hacking	7	5	0	2	14	9	10
Cyprus United	8	4	1	3	18	12	9
West Wanderers	9	4	1	4	16	14	9
Uni of NSW	9	3	2	4	12	16	8
Salthurst 75	7	3	0	4	8	10	6
North Ryde RSL	9	2	2	5	13	18	6
Concordia	9	1	6	4	16	4	4
Canterbury & Dist	9	2	0	7	7	23	4

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Mt Pritchard	7	6	1	0	27	9	13
Lannos Allstars	9	5	2	2	18	9	12
Cyprus United	8	4	3	1	21	7	11
Canterbury & Dist	9	4	3	2	20	10	11
Bankstown	8	5	1	2	15	9	11
Uni of NSW	9	5	1	3	20	17	11
Hills United	9	3	5	1	11	10	11
Port Hacking	7	2	2	3	6	14	6
West Wanderers	9	2	1	6	17	18	5
Bathurst 75	7	2	0	5	7	18	4
North Ryde RSL	9	0	3	6	5	17	3
Concordia	9	0	2	7	3	32	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 1

SSC Zagreb	8	0	0	2	25	12	12
Hajduk Rangers	9	5	2	2	22	10	12
Concord Juniors	9	5	2	2	16	10	12
Spanish Club	10	5	1	4	25	19	11
Arncliffe	10	3	4	3	20	15	10
Transandinos	8	4	1	3	18	11	9
Colo Colo	9	4	1	4	13	13	9
Nineveh Eagles	8	3	2	3	8	8	8
Belmore Hercules	6	3	0	3	11	10	6
Hawkesbury Dist	7	2	2	3	5	7	6
Croatia Syd Jnrs	6	0	2	6	5	39	2
Rooty Hill Gunner	6	0	1	5	4	18	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 2

Transandinos	9	5	2	2	16	7	12
Concord Juniors	9	5	1	3	20	7	11
Spanish Club	9	5	1	3	22	12	11
Nineveh Eagles	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
Hawkesbury Dist	7	4	2	1	18	9	10

STATE LEAGUE ONE

Marconi v Avala	0-4	1-3
BHP Austral v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2	canc
Sydney Mac v Sydney Olympic	2-1	2-1
Canberra Croatia v Wollongong City	3-1	2-1
Warringah v Marconi	2-0	2-1

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

St George v North Shore	---	1-1
Canterbury v North Shore Utd	3-0	1-2
Wollongong Mac v St George	3-3	2-2
Sutherland Shire v Inter Monaro	2-1	1-1
Sydney Croatia v Blacktown City	5-1	2-3

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Auburn Yugal v Orange Waratah	1-1	3-2
Waverley v Central Coast	0-2	2-3
Dulwich Hill v Campbelltown	3-1	2-0
Auburn Yugal v Fairfield City	0-0	0-2
Gladesville v Southern Districts	1-3	1-2
Rosebery v Granville Chile	1-3	2-3
Orange Waratahs v Mt Druitt	0-2	1-1
Petersham v Manly Warringah	2-1	2-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Mt Pritchard v Bankstown	1-1	2-1
Concordia v Bathurst	1-2	1-2
Canterbury Dist v West Wanderers	0-2	4-0
Hills Utd v North Ryde	2-1	1-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Concord Juniors v Transandinos	3-1	0-0
Spanish Club v Belmore Hercules	2-1	8-2
Arncliffe v Rangers Hajduk	4-0	1-1
Hawkesbury Dist v Colo Colo	2-0	1-1
SSC Zagreb v Croatia Syd Jnrs	6-1	6-1
Nineveh Eagles v Rooty Hill Gunners	0-0	2-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Prospect Utd v CSI Schofield	2-0	2-0
Sydney Uni v GNS Utd	2-0	7-0
Macquarie Uni v Sporting Peru	3-2	1-0
Prospect Utd v W.D. Hellas	1-0	1-3
Maccabi Hakoah v CSI Schofield	2-0	0-1
Ashour Star v Chile Sports	3-0	3-2
Lithgow Workmen v Alexander	2-2	2-3

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Coblenza v Abruzzi	2-2	0-1
Liverpool City v Penrith	0-1	2-1
Pagewood Bolany v Assyrian	3-1	5-0
Liverpool City v Fogolar Furlan	0-1	1-2
St Josephs v Pontian Eagles	3-0	0-2
Balmaln v New Welcome	3-1	0-0

STATE WOMENS LEAGUE: ONE

Liverpool City v Illawarra	2-1
North Ryde v Melita Eagles	1-1
STATE WOMENS LEAGUE: TWO	
North Ryde v Melita Eagles	1-1

SSC Zagreb	8	4	2	2	16	8	10
Colo Colo	9	4	1	4	16	14	9
Hajduk Rangers	9	4	1	4	16	25	9
Arncliffe	9	3	2	4	9	14	8
Rooty Hill Gunner	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Belmore Hercules	7	0	0	7	7	26	0
Croatia Syd Jnrs	6	0	0	6	3	25	0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 1

West Dist Hellas	10	8	1	1	37	12	17
Macquarie Uni	10	7	1	2	27	17	15
Ashour Star	9	5	3	1	20	16	13
Alexander	9	5	2	2	26	14	12
Prospect United	8	6	0	2	14	8	12
Lithgow	10	5	2	3	19	14	12
Sporting Peru	9	5	0	4	17	17	10
Chile Sports	10	3	0	7	7	24	6
GNS United	10	2	1	7	12	20	5
Sydney Uni	9	2	0	7	12	19	4
Maccabi Hakoah	9	2	0	7	10	26	4
fielders	9	1	0	8	15	29	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 2

West Dist Hellas	10	8	0	2	27	13	18
Macquarie Uni	10	6	1	3	26	12	13
Sydney Uni	7	5	2	0	22	4	12
Alexander	8	5	2	1	25	15	12
Sporting Peru	7	4	2	1	14	11	10
Prospect United	9	3	4	1	17	11	10
Lithgow	10	4	2	4	18	19	10
GNS United	10	3	1	6	17	33	7
Ashour Star	10	3	0	7	18	36	6
CSI	9	2	1	8	13	22	5
Chile Sports	9	2	0	7	12	27	4
Maccabi Hakoah	9	1	1	7	7	17	3

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 1

Pagewood	9	8	1	2	21	12	13
Penrith	8	6	1	1	18	9	13
Liverpool City	10	4	3	3	17	15	11
Assyrian	9	4	3	2	11	9	11
New Welcome	8	5	0	3	15	10	10
St Josephs	9	4	2	3	26	22	10
Balmaln	8	4	1	3	26	14	9
Fogolar Furlan	9	3	3	3	12	11	9
Pontian Eagles	10	4	1	5	17	20	9
Abruzzi	8	2	4	1	12	15	6
Coblenza	9	0	2	7	10	38	2
Liverpool City	7	0	1	6	8	18	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 2

Liverpool City	10	7	2	1	24
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SOCCER POOLS



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 4/6/90 — WEEK 253

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED											
26	31	38	4	16	30	47	35	47			
46	58	49	12	13	46	49	51	45			
50	47	35	53	48	52	52	48				
48	55	53	62	57	73	53	51				
50	67	57	65		53						



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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 255

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VICTORIA	CAULFIELD CITY	ALTONA GATE	1
VICTORIA	MORWELL	THOMASTOWN	2
VICTORIA	ESSENDON	MORRISVILLE	3
VICTORIA	KNOX CITY	SANDRINGHAM	4
VICTORIA	OAKLEIGH	DOVETON	5
VICTORIA	DANDENONG	KEILOR	6
VICTORIA	DONCASTER	CHELSEA	7
VICTORIA	BRIGHTON	RICHMOND	8
VICTORIA	SUNBURY UTD.	RINGWOOD U.	9
VICTORIA	CLIFTON HILL	MURDOCH	10
VICTORIA	COBURG	MORWELL	11
VICTORIA	CORIO UTD.	ALTONA CITY	12
VICTORIA	ELTHAM UTD.	MORRISVILLE	13
VICTORIA	HEIDELBERG C.	CLARENDON	14
VICTORIA	BENTLEIGH	SEAFOUR UTD.	15
VICTORIA	HOLLAND PK.	SPRINGVALE U.	16
VICTORIA	CLAYTON	YARRAVILLE	17
VICTORIA	LALOR UTD.	MOORABBIN	18
VICTORIA	LANGWARRIN	SPRING CONO.	19
VICTORIA	BORONIA	REGENT	20
VICTORIA	HAMLYN	PASCOE VALE	21
VICTORIA	EAST BRUNSWICK U.	MORRISVILLE	22
VICTORIA	HAWTHORN	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	23
VICTORIA	KARINGAL	ROSAHANNA	24
VICTORIA	FERNTRIE	YALLOURN	25
VICTORIA	HELLAS	AZZURRI	26
VICTORIA	WOODVILLE	ADELAIDE C.	27
VICTORIA	CUMBERLAND	SALISBURY	28
VICTORIA	MOOSBURY	LION GRANGE	29
VICTORIA	POLONIA	PT. ADELAIDE	30
VICTORIA	W.E. BIRKALLA	CHORLEY	31
VICTORIA	BLACKWOOD	SEAFOUR	32
VICTORIA	CAMPBELLTOWN	PARK WILLS	33
VICTORIA	CENTRAL DIST.	CHORLEY	34
VICTORIA	ENFIELD C.	OLYMPIANS	35
VICTORIA	WARRINGAL	ELIZABETH	36
VICTORIA	WILMINGTON	OLYMPIC	37
VICTORIA	LANCESTON	ST. LEONARDS	38
RESERVE MATCHES			
VICTORIA	SOMERSET	EAGLES	39
VICTORIA	WEST GLADSDON	ARVENTON	40
VICTORIA	CROOK	GEORGETOWN	41
VICTORIA	MALVERN C.	MOSSFIELD	42
VICTORIA	WILKINSON	ST. WERREHIE	43
VICTORIA	ST. DIONISIO	EAST GELONG	44
VICTORIA	ALTONA EAST	POHNET HILL	45
VICTORIA	WESTVALE	CLARENDON	46
VICTORIA	WELDON	BIRKBECK C.	47
VICTORIA	BURBANK C.	NTM. BUNBURN	48
VICTORIA	UNIVERSITY	AMERLEY	49
VICTORIA	DARPA UTD.	BECKLEIGH	50
VICTORIA	LUTWICHE UTD.	LATHAM V.	51
VICTORIA	SANFORD R.	BATHINGIDE	52
VICTORIA	CAPALABA	GRIFITH U.	53
VICTORIA	PINE HILLS	WESTVIEW STAD.	54
VICTORIA	PROBING	WORTH SHADLE	55
VICTORIA	ST. MICHAEL'S	JURVEYTON	56
VICTORIA	JOHNSBOROUGH	NORRIS CITY	57
VICTORIA	HAJPO	BUNBURN	58
VICTORIA	MCG. PERTH	MOORLEY	59
VICTORIA	WARRINGAL	BUNBURN	60
VICTORIA	ALBANY	STURRARD RD	61
VICTORIA	INDUPL L.E.	PT. PERTH GALLA	62
VICTORIA	NIMVERSTITY	SANDRINGHAM	63
VICTORIA	WARRINGAL	BUNBURN	64

Get your Pools in!

MATCH RESULTS WEEK 254

VICTORIA	MOORABBIN	CAULFIELD CITY	1	1-2
VICTORIA	NORTHCOLE C.	HEIDELBERG U.	2	2-1
VICTORIA	FRAMINGHAM P.	MORWELL	3	0-2
VICTORIA	ALBION	BOX HILL	4	0-0
VICTORIA	THOMASTOWN	ALTONA GATE	5	0-1
VICTORIA	ST. ALBANS	BULLEEN	6	1-0
VICTORIA	RINGWOOD CITY	CROYDON CITY	7	1-3
VICTORIA	BRUNSWICK U.	FANRER	8	1-0
VICTORIA	MELB. CITY	GREEN GULLY	9	1-0
VICTORIA	DOVETON	WESTERN SUBS.	10	2-2*
VICTORIA	PT. MELBOURNE	KNOX CITY	11	1-1*
VICTORIA	SANDRINGHAM	ESSENDON	12	0-1
VICTORIA	WERRIBEE	BR. MEADOWS	13	1-2
VICTORIA	BELL PK.	COBURG	14	3-0
VICTORIA	MORWELL	CLIFTON HILL	15	2-0
VICTORIA	MURDOCH	SUNBURY UTD.	16	1-1*
VICTORIA	RINGWOOD U.	BRIGHTON	17	0-1
VICTORIA	BRIMMING	DONCASTER	18	0-0
VICTORIA	CHELSEA	DANDENONG	19	1-2
VICTORIA	KEILOR	SEELONG	20	0-2
VICTORIA	ATHENA	BORRANTO	21	4-3
VICTORIA	KELMSCOTT	BAYSWATER	22	4-0
VICTORIA	BALGA	COCKBURN	23	1-1
VICTORIA	MORLEY	INGLEWOOD	24	0-0
VICTORIA	BASSENDON	FREEMANTLE	25	2-1
VICTORIA	OSBORNE PK.	MELVILLE	26	0-5
VICTORIA	FORRESTFIELD	GOSNELLS	27	3-1
VICTORIA	ROCKINGHAM	WANNEROO	28	4-0
VICTORIA	FERNDALE UTD.	STURRING I.P.	29	5-2
VICTORIA	SWAN CRAZ.	EAST PERTH	30	0-3
VICTORIA	ADELAIDE C.	MOORABBIN	31	1-1*
VICTORIA	CROOK	WOODVILLE	32	1-1*
VICTORIA	AZZURRI	W.E. BIRKALLA	33	1-2
VICTORIA	PT. ADELAIDE	HELLAS	34	0-5
VICTORIA	SALISBURY	POLONIA	35	1-1*
VICTORIA	LION GRANGE	CUMBERLAND	36	0-1
VICTORIA	OLYMPIC	DEVONPORT	37	3-2
VICTORIA	SWAN	GEORGETOWN	38	0-0

VICTORIA

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Westgate	11 7 2 2 27 11 16
Dakleigh	11 7 2 2 23 12 16
Springvale City	11 7 2 2 19 14 16
Port Melbourne	11 5 5 1 12 8 15
Knox City	11 8 3 2 20 17 15
Dorset	11 8 2 3 16 9 14
Wentworth	11 4 2 5 17 13 10
Mordialloc	11 4 2 5 9 17 10
Western Suburbs	11 2 5 4 12 15 9
Essendon City	11 2 5 4 11 16 9
Nth. Geelong	11 3 1 7 14 19 7
Marib. Polonia	11 1 5 5 19 25 7
Broadmeadows	11 3 1 7 9 16 7
Sandringham	11 1 1 9 7 23 3

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	11 8 1 2 21 15 17
Doncaster	11 5 4 2 21 15 14
Bell Park	10 4 6 0 13 7 14
Clifton Hill	11 5 3 3 11 9 13
Waverley City	11 5 2 4 19 12 12
Dandenong	11 5 2 4 20 16 12
Kellor	10 5 1 4 16 12 11
Geelong	11 5 1 5 17 16 11
Sandbury Utd.	11 4 2 5 20 20 10
Chelsea	11 4 2 5 19 21 16
Monwrad City	11 2 5 4 15 21 9
Coburg	9 3 1 5 10 15 7
Richmond	11 1 4 6 5 14 8
Ringwood Utd.	11 0 4 7 10 25 4

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	11 8 2 1 24 9 18
Altona City	11 7 2 2 25 19 16
Clarendon	11 6 3 2 14 8 15
Holland Park	11 5 3 3 22 13 13
Corio-Geelong	11 4 5 2 21 16 13
Seaford Utd.	11 5 1 4 22 18 13
Neerabbin City	11 4 3 4 12 16 11

HEIDELBERG CITY

Heidelberg City	11 2 6 3 8 17 10
Mornington	11 4 1 6 21 21 8
Eltham Valley	11 2 4 5 12 14 8
Lalor Utd.	11 2 4 5 13 16 8
Clayton	11 1 6 4 13 18 8
Yarraville	11 1 4 6 5 16 8
Springvale Utd.	11 2 2 7 8 26 6

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Dakleigh Sals	11 7 3 1 25 13 17
Pascoe Vale	11 7 3 1 26 15 17
Hawthorn	11 7 2 2 22 7 18
East Bruns-Ivan	11 6 4 1 21 8 16
Regent	11 6 3 2 27 12 15
Spring Condors	11 7 1 3 23 9 15
Karingal Utd.	11 4 3 4 19 21 11
More Park Rang.	11 4 3 4 15 19 11
Langwarrin	11 4 2 5 11 14 10
Hamlyn Rangers	11 2 5 4 9 18 8
Fernie Gully	11 1 5 5 12 22 7
Boronia	11 1 3 7 10 25 5
Yallourn	11 1 1 9 11 29 3
Rosanna	11 8 2 9 11 30 2

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Cranbourne	11 9 1 1 16 2 19
South Werribee	12 7 2 3 36 20 16
Nth. Sunshine	12 6 4 2 20 11 16
South Dandenong	12 6 3 3 29 16 15
Malvern City	12 5 5 2 17 12 15
Altona East	12 6 3 3 14 10 15
Forest Hill	12 6 2 4 25 15 14
Williamstown	12 2 9 1 17 16 13
East Geelong	12 3 3 3 13 10 12
Brunswick City	13 2 6 5 13 24 18
Westvale	13 2 5 5 10 21 18
Berwick City	12 2 5 5 14 15 9
Melton	12 2 4 6 14 20 8
Mossfield Rangers	12 3 8 11 29 5
Keysborough	13 1 3 9 10 38 5

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE

Bris Lions	10 9 1 0 25 4 28
Bris City	11 8 1 2 35 11 25
North Star	10 5 4 1 31 17 19
Pine Rivers	8 5 0 3 22 18 15
Taringa Rov	10 3 5 2 12 13 14
Rochdale Rov	10 4 2 4 14 22 14
Acacia Ridge	11 4 0 7 23 28 12
Mt Gravatt	9 3 0 6 13 16 9
Eastern Subs	10 2 3 5 13 18 9
Grange This	10 2 2 6 13 26 8
Coaststars	9 2 1 6 8 18 7
Olympic Utd	10 2 1 7 10 28 7

DIVISION 2

Bris Croatia	11 8 2 1 24 8 26
Nerang	10 8 1 1 26 10 25
St Albans	12 6 2 4 18 15 20
Inala City	11 5 4 2 24 13 19
Newmarket	11 6 1 4 24 21 19
St Helens	11 5 6 6 18 17 15

WYNNUM

Wynnum	9 4 2 3 13 12 14
The Gap	10 4 2 4 9 9 14
Goodna	11 3 2 6 11 18 11
Willowburn	11 3 1 7 17 19 10
Mitchellton	10 2 1 7 8 20 7
Redlands	9 0 0 9 4 33 0

DIVISION 3

Annerley	11 7 2 2 26 12 23
Souths Utd	11 5 4 2 21 13 19
L/Vally	10 6 1 3 17 13 18
Redcliffe	10 5 3 2 14 10 18
Kingsridge	10 5 2 3 24 16 17
Stacks Ck	10 4 3 3 19 10 15
Darra Utd	10 4 3 3 23 19 15
Beenleigh	8 5 0 4 16 15 15
Lutwyche	10 3 2 5 11 19 11
Brothers	8 2 0 6 6 21 8 10
Oxley	10 1 2 7 8 21 5
Uni of Qld	11 1 2 8 10 24 5

DIVISION 4

Albany Ck	11 8 3 0 27 7 27
Capalaba	10 5 3 2 26 14 18
Pine Hills	10 4 5 1 18 10 17
Southside Eag	9 5 2 2 14 11 17
Griffith Uni	9 4 2 3 18 16 14
Samford Range	10 3 4 3 17 18 13
Kanmore Ran	9 2 5 2 21 21 11
Deception Bay	10 3 2 5 17 24 11
South Star	10 3 2 5 12 20 11
Toowoong	10 2 4 4 17 22 10
Western Subs	10 1 2 7 21 32 5
Leichhardt	10 1 2 7 8 21 5

TASMANIA

Ulverstone	11 8 0 3 23 14 24
Launceston Juv	11 6 4 1 22 8 22
Robert Juv	10 8 3 1 29 15 21
White Eagle	10 6 2 2 30 12 20
Olympia-SBT	10 4 2 4 19 15 14
Devonport City	11 3 5 3 18 19 14
Burnie United	10 2 1 7 15 33 7
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Croftie-Glen	11 0 3 8 10 40 3



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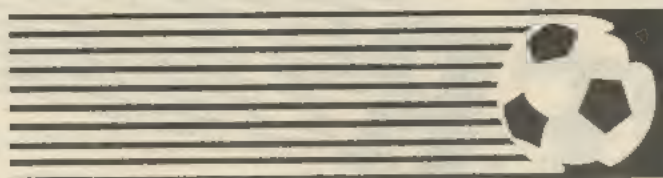
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St Albans triumph over hapless Bulleen

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ST ALBANS 1 BULLEEN 0

With Mike Branov still missing from Bulleen's attack the suggestion is now that no Darren Tuck, no Bulleen.

Tuck, who was well held by an improving St Albans defence on Saturday, hasn't scored since his two goals routed Heidelberg back in mid-April.

Without Branov and Tuck firing, Bulleen has looked like a rudderless ship in its recent run of five games without a win.

Tuck, and Bulleen's, best chance on Saturday fell to him in the 52nd minute but the striker's effort flew just centimetres over the crossbar.

Despite bringing in experienced former Thomastown keeper Mauro Raponi to bolster an ailing defence two weeks ago, Bulleen still hasn't returned to the winners' list and on Saturday it fell again towards the end of 90 minutes of toil.

With just ten minutes remaining St Albans' Ollie Pondjak pounced on a defensive clearance and squeezed back past two Bulleen defenders

before clipping his shot home for the winner.

ALBION 0 BOX HILL 0

For the first time in this long and arduous 1990 State League season Box Hill had genuine reason for celebration.

The much-maligned Hillmen not only held big-spending leader Albion to a scoreless draw, but the point lifted the club off the bottom of the ladder for the first time this season.

The shared points, combined with Heidelberg's shock defeat at Northcote, pushed Albion back to the head of the State League ladder on Saturday evening but Ian Wallace's men could hardly justify their rating on this performance.

Albion, recently hit by the loss of two key players, bought in three new signings for Saturday's clash. Willie Raynes, discarded by Heidelberg, Altona Gate veteran Mendo Ristovski and Andrew Freund from South Melbourne all made their home debut for the club on a disappointing afternoon.

As has been the case

for much of the season, Albion can thank the experience of Gordon Flavell and Donny MacLeod for getting the team through its most testing moments.

THOMASTOWN 0 ALTONA GATE 1

Thomastown's bursting bubble continued to deflate on Saturday as it went down by the only goal of the game to improving Altona Gate.

After one of the fastest and cleanest State League clashes of the year Altona Gate came away with the points thanks to a 71st minute penalty put away by Ilija Taseski.

The visitors earned the penalty after Curcio's foul on the former Preston player.

Thomastown had looked like it was running back into early season form in the first half of Saturday's clash but poor finishing and an impressive effort from St Albans' 17 year old custodian Koliski put paid to the home side's hopes.

Koliski's brave stop at Giaccherini's feet was his most impressive effort with the miss of the day coming from Zemunik, who mis-kicked with just the keeper to beat.

Altona Gate had the better of the second period with Vlade Torrevski and Tom Markovski playing particularly damaging roles for the visitors.

MELBOURNE JUST 1 GREEN GULLY 0

Melbourne City JUST, still rankled at suggestions that it is finished as a force in Victorian soccer, extended its recent unbeaten run to four matches when it downed Green Gully 1-0 on Saturday.

JUST, inspired by the return of Tom Karic after a three month lay-off with a shoulder injury, took the points thanks to a spectacular 70th minute goal from Zoran Cazin.

Gully keeper Charlie Sant could do little other than watch as Cazin's 18 metre drive dipped and swerved its way into the top corner of the net for the winner.

JUST, which carved out seven clear chances to Gully's four on the day, always looked to have the measure of a weakened visiting team which went into the game without suspended stars Kuzman

and Harrison.

Tony Cianter and Steve Farquarson were the better players for Gully on a day when, had luck run its way, it might have come away with more to show for its efforts.

Jeff Faulkner was the man on the spot for Gully, hitting the post after 22 minutes and putting a shot just centimetres wide with only the keeper to beat in the 68th minute.

BRUNSWICK JUVE 1 FAWKNER 0

Brunswick Juventus continued their State League title assault, scoring a vital goal in the last minute of the Fawknor game in a dull affair at Middle Park.

Juventus was full of fire for the first 15 minutes had had two good scoring opportunities wasted by Mori and Sabitino.

Fawknor then showed some much needed composure and settled into a fluent rhythm which made life hard for the home side.

In the second half Fawknor created two good chances. In the 59th minute, Lujic's cross was met by Hanna who mistimed his header, then 13 minutes later a good buildup by Lujic saw Cardwell's shot just shave the left post.

Substitute Rino Minchinello's entry onto the field in the 80th minute sparked the Juventus team back to life.

With just moments of the match to go, Minchinello took a free kick quickly, laid the ball off to Sean Lane, whose pass was met by recent signing Damien Mori, who drove the ball home hard past Niki-tovic.

A disappointed Fawknor coach Cedo Cirkovic summed up his feelings after the game.

"We had chances in the second half which we did not take. I am upset that our defence lost concentration in the final minute to concede the goal, we gave them the two points."

Meanwhile, Juventus coach Terry Hennessey was very relieved to collect the booty.

"Overall I thought Fawknor deserved at least a point, I was disappointed with our performance, but I'm very happy to get the two points."

FRANKSTON PINES 0 MORWELL FALCONS 2

Morwell Falcons had to fight hard for the two points against a deter-

mined Frankston Pines.

The first half was a even contest with both sides producing good end to end soccer.

Billy Wright, who has just returned from a stint with relegated NSL side Adelaide Hellas, opened the scoring in the second half for Morwell, when his shot on goal was mishandled by the Frankston Pines keeper, who watched in despair as the ball went over the goal line.

Morwell's Scottish import, Gordon Scott, made sure the Latrobe Valley outfit took home the two points, when he beat two challenges to fire home a well hit shot from 12 metres.

MOOROOLBARK 1 CAULFIELD 2

Caulfield scored the winning goal three minutes from full time in a physical encounter against Mooroolbark.

Mooroolbark opened the scoring after 20 minutes when Graham Heys drove home his shot from inside the area.



GRAHAM HEYS

An ugly incident occurred in the 30th minute when Mooroolbark's David Brogan and Caulfield's Jim Gynopoulos were given their marching orders for fighting.

With five minutes remaining to half time, Mooroolbark defender Kevin Adams fouled Con Pappas inside the area and Pappas made no mistake from the resulting penalty kick.

Caulfield's Donnelly scored the decisive winner in the 87th minute with a well positioned shot.

NORTHCOTE 2 HEIDELBERG 1

Northcote City and 17 year old first gamer, Jim Kiopoulou, put a dent in Heidelberg's title challenge when they scored an encouraging 2-1 victory.

Heidelberg got on the scoreboard first when Stuart Cannell scored a penalty after Angie Goutzoulis had been brought down by Paul

Harris in the 20th minute.

Three minutes before half-time, Kiopoulou levelled the scores at one all for the home team.

In the 70th minute, Kiopoulou set up the winner for Northcote to cap off a stunnign debut. He laid off a neat pass for John Burgess to fire home past Jeff Olver to secure the points in the all Greek derby.

RINGWOOD 1 CROYDON 3



John Corvan

For the second week running, Ringwood took an early lead against its much more fancied opponent, only to see no rewards in the final outcome.

Player-coach John Corvan put the home side ahead after just five minutes, heading home from close range from a Fred Whalley cross.

One minute from the half-time interval, Croydon's Steve Brimmer latched onto a loose ball in a goal mouth scramble to level up the scores.

Ten minutes into the second half, Croydon took the lead. Steve Brimmer broke free and with only the keeper to beat, chipped the ball cleverly over Glenn Clarke as he advanced off his line.

With just six minutes remaining, Andy Humble made sure of a Croydon victory when

he intercepted Graham Haupt's header back to the keeper to score with ease.

Croydon coach Ian Dobson had mixed feelings after the match. "We had a very lethargic first half, I gave the players a roasting at the break and they responded in the second half."

"Local derby games always produce pressure."

Ringwood's John Corvan was more philosophical after the game. "We played very well for the first 30 minutes, but we need to concentrate for the full 90 minutes".

THIS WEEK GAMES — ROUND 21

Saturday — Caulfield v Altona Gate, Morwell Falcons v Thomastown.

Sunday — Heidelberg v Albion, Bulleen v Box Hill, Croydon v St Albans, Fawknor v Mooroolbark, Frankston Pines v Northcote, Green Gully v Ringwood, Brunswick Juventus v Melbourne JUST.

VIC STATE LEAGUE

Round 20 Queens Birthday

Caulfield 2 (Pappas 2) St Albans 0, Croydon 3 (Humble 2 van Egmond) Northcote City 3 (Burgess, Anezakis, Cocker) Brunswick Juventus 6 (Smith 3, Sabatini 2, Lane) Frankston Pines 0, Ringwood City 1 (Walker) Fawknor 1 (Hanna), Heidelberg 5 (Stubbins 3, Lewis 2) Mooroolbark 0, Green Gully 4 (Harrison, Wilson, Kotzamichalis, Chetcuti) Morwell Falcons 2 (Wright, Casar), Bulleen 1 (Livingstone) Albion 0, Box Hill 0 Altona Gate 1 (McMullen), Melbourne JUST 1 (Retre) Thomastown 2 (Taylor, Mihos).

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Heidelberg	20	12	3	5	43	20	27
Croydon	20	10	7	3	31	22	27
Albion	20	10	6	4	25	10	26
Brunsv Juv	20	10	5	5	34	16	25
Green Gully	20	11	2	7	29	19	24
Fawknor	20	10	4	6	28	23	24
Thomastown	20	9	6	5	25	24	24
Bulleen	20	9	5	6	29	27	23
Northcote	20	9	4	7	31	27	22
Caulfield	20	9	4	7	31	28	22
Altona G	20	7	7	6	22	19	21
Morwell F	20	8	8	6	24	20	20
St Albans	20	6	7	7	21	20	19
Melb. JUST	20	5	9	6	20	24	19
Ringwood C	20	4	5	11	25	41	13
Mooroolbark	20	3	6	11	15	30	12
Box Hill	20	0	6	14	12	40	6
Frankston	20	1	4	15	9	44	6

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Below par performance by Preston this year

BY GREG BLAKE

THE disaster that was Preston's 1989/90 campaign can be traced back to that fateful day back in 1989 when the club crashed

led its surrender and contented itself with planning for the next campaign.

It is terribly hard to detect whether anything really positive came out of the season



GEORGE PETROV

out of that season's elimination final.

With the seeds of discontent sown on a day when so much more was expected, Preston set about self-destructing a side which had cost around \$80,000 to piece together and had, in its first season together, shown its potential by reaching the play-offs in a single bound.

But coach Andon Donceviski was allowed to leave, John Markovski followed when the club wouldn't meet his demands, George Jolevski almost followed Markovski and already the consistency that might have followed on from limited success in 1989 was never given the chance to develop.

The new campaign was a disaster.

Skipper George Petrov was just one of a number of players who opened up about being dissatisfied at events behind the scenes, a number of others, who have since been transfer-listed, were not coming on as the club expected, goal-ace Warren Spink crashed out of business virtually without touching the ball in anger and new man Oscar Crino spent much of the year struggling with injury.

Nothing went according to new coach Ljube Jancev's plans and when the club sold perennial top scorer Steve Smith late in the season it signal-

led its surrender and

Perhaps the realisation that radical changes are required will be seen, in retrospect, to be the catalyst of a new era for the club.

The radical change comes in the form of new man in charge John Gardiner.

Gardiner and his no-frills approach will be a breath of fresh air for Preston and already he has begun ringing in the changes with a number of players either shunted away or on the list.

Expect the 1990/91 Preston team to boast a totally new look and expect it to play with a new found resolve so often missing during 1989/90.

I'm surprised that a transfer for Jackson has been the news of the day.

Jackson is one of the few walk-up starts in any Preston team drawn from the current squad.

On 1989/90 form only he, Phil Traianedes, the magnificent Jolevski, ever-improving Robbie Markovac, Andrew Zinni, Spink (when fit) and possibly Petrov and Robert Runje would be automatic selections.

But typically Gardiner will have his own ideas of what Preston needs to become a force in the NSL and I'd always be prepared to back his judgement to the hilt.

One hopes he'll get the same support from Preston's backroom boys.

Top clubs push for NSL Div 2

BY GREG BLAKE

THE Victorian State 'Super League' proposal has suffered another crushing defeat and the push for an NSL Second Division, to operate primarily out of Victoria, is on in earnest.



The 'Super League' proposal received its fourth setback in as many tries last Thursday night at a Victorian Soccer Federation special general meeting.

The motion to introduce the new competition for next season was defeated despite a 65 votes to 32 majority in favour.

A full 75 percent majority was needed to pass the motion.

Despite assurances from VSF officials that it "had the numbers this time", the defeat was seen as a major rebuff for the elite league.

least one threatening to end his involvement in the game come the end of this season.

"The 18 team league is ridiculous for everyone concerned," he told ASW.

"My finances and the club's cannot service another season as it is.

"For me soccer is finished, I am out of it."

For Victorian League clubs, who are accused of being the "tail wagging the dog", the result was another boost to their bid to have greater representation on the VSF Board of Management.

Despite Victorian League chairman Joe Dockerty, himself a VSF Board member, telling the club members that he had received an undertaking from the board that their proposals were being considered, many Victorian club delegates remained outspoken in their criticism of the VSF hierarchy.

Their apparent distrust was reflected in the voting.

One State League club delegate, who refused to be identified, told ASW that his club had voted against the proposal because his

a greater representation on the VSF Board," he said.

A copy of the Victorian League reform plans will be made available to ASW in the near future and we aim to print its contents in the near future.

But there is little doubt that the possibility of a breakaway Victorian 'super league' might squash any long or short term reform plans.

Increasingly impatient and frustrated major State League clubs are insisting that changes must be made before many go under, as might be the case should the current stand-off continue.

As it is the VSF is locked into a 17, 18, 19 or even 20 State League competition for next season and beyond, dependent on promotion and relegation from the NSL.

A previously defeated motion to ensure the parity of voting rights between the Victorian League, State League and NSL clubs was also knocked back again on Thursday night.

That motion was also defeated despite a 65 votes to 32 majority in favour.

My comment on what the Victorian debacle means to soccer in the state will appear in next week's ASW.

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With Charlie Yankos pledging the fledgling Soccerroo's support for Thomson, the former Sydney Olympic coach had plenty to grin about as he waxed lyrical about Soccerroo newcomers Bernal, Tapai, Zabica and Durakovic.

"The two game series has given those members of the squad invaluable experience," he said.

Hajduk skipper Mladen Pralija admitted his disappointment in not managing a win in the series.

"We came here to win so obviously we're disappointed," he told the press gallery.

Coach Peruzovic praised his player's efforts on the night and refused to the drawn on the disputed penalty decision.

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, van Egmond (Hooker 23), Tobin, Yankos, Bernal, Tapai, McCulloch, Wade, Durakovic, Arnold, Talladorea (Trimboil 53).

HAJDUK SPLIT: Pralija, Jerkan, Jorkovic, Bilic, Stamenic, Hadzibabic, Misa, Kovac, Lalic, Mihic (Vucelic HT), Jelcic.

GOALS: Durakovic 42m and Yankos (pen) 50m for Australia; Hadzibabic 21m for Vucelic 60m for Hajduk.

YELLOW CARDS: Durakovic 59m and Wade 81m for Australia; Simac 50m and Jerkan 90m for Hajduk.

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SAM PAPASAVAS

clubs last sat to vote on the issue on May 3 the margin was closer than it was last Thursday night.

Immediately the meeting was adjourned State League officials converged on NSL chairman Sam Papasavas to sound him out on the NSL second division idea.

Papasavas admitted that there "are possibilities".

For the Victorian clubs to get the chance to form a breakaway league it would require the Victorian Soccer Federation Board of Management to approach the ASF to seek assistance.

"I think the ASF would certainly assist," Papasavas admitted. "It has become an impasse that has to be resolved."

Influential backers of powerful State League clubs were furious at the result of the meeting, with at

club "would rather be at the bottom of a 20 team State League than be top of the second division."

At least three other State League clubs are believed to have voted against the proposal.

Melbourne Croatia representatives failed to attend the meeting whilst Northcote City delegates turned up too late to cast their club's votes.

One Victorian League club official admitted his "delight" at the outcome of the evening despite conceding that Victorian soccer was in need of dramatic reforms.

A number of Victorian League club officials have devised their own three-year plan for reform in Victoria, but have been disappointed at the lack of interest in the document by those at VSF Board level.

"This will continue to happen until we get

Santa Isabel in big TV scare

BY GREG BLAKE



SO you figured being the dreaded man in black and refereeing an emotional grand final in front of over 26,000 baying fans was one of the toughest tasks you might take on in life.

Wrong!

Just ask John Santa Isabel, the recently crowned Aussie ref of the season just past.

Santa Isabel, a picture of cool, calm composure on grand final day was a screaming heap of nerves when he received the award on national television.

He still hadn't calmed down an hour after the broadcast which sent his nervously spoken speech into loungerooms all around the country.

But he managed to raise a giggle about it

when asked whether he'd rather be taking stick out in the centre of the action, or taking centre stage with a microphone on national ABC TV.

"I'm telling you now that 26,000 people didn't worry me one little bit," he told ASW.

"But being on national TV and in front of your peers and all the soccer people — well that's something else again.

"But seriously, the award was a big thrill.

"When the NSL referees list was cut from 24 to about 15 this year it was just a great honour to be selected in those 15.

"To do the Cup final, major semi-final and grand final was great.

"But to win Referee of the Year is just unbelievable.

"It's a super honour."

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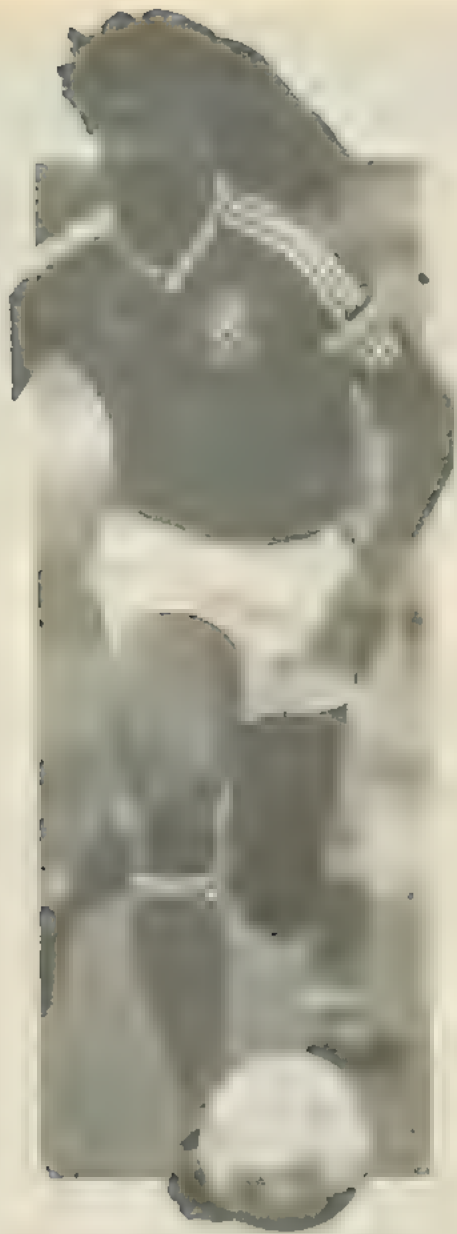
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ROME — According to the computer, European champions Holland will win the World Cup.

But the Italian media disagree with the computer, going for Brazil to win while most of the large foreign media contingent went for Italy.

The results of the poll, published in **GUERIN SPORTIVO**, also show that Yugoslavia is the country most likely to surprise and Careca and Marco van Basten are tipped as most likely to end the tournament as leading scorers.

The full results of the poll were:

COMPUTER — 1st Holland, 2nd Italy, 3rd West Germany, 4th Yugoslavia.

Then followed, in order of finishing, Brazil, Sweden, Argentina, USSR, England, Uruguay, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Cameroun, Belgium, Ireland, Colombia, Romania, Costa Rica, Scotland, United Arab Emirates, United States, South Korea and Egypt.

WORLD MEDIA — Italy champion, Brazil runner-up, Holland third and West Germany fourth, followed by Argentina, England, Spain, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Cameroun, Romania, Sweden and the USSR.

ITALIAN MEDIA — Brazil champion, Italy runner-up, West Germany third, Holland fourth, followed by Argentina, Yugoslavia, Uruguay, England, Sweden, USSR,

Romania and Spain.

In the team most likely to surprise category, Yugoslavia topped the poll from Uruguay, Colombia, Ireland, Romania, Cameroun, Sweden and Austria.

Holland's van Basten is the hottest favourite for the leading scorer from Careca, Gianluca Vialli, Diego Maradona, Jurgen Klinsmann, Rudi Voller, Ruud Gullit, Salvatore Schillaci, Gary Lineker, Muller, Roberto Baggio, Toni Polster and Ruben Sosa.

POSSIBLE Soccerroo coach Joe Venglos will notify the ASF of his final decision regarding the Australian position within the next couple of days. After meeting Venglos on arrival here yesterday one gets the impression he will accept the Soccerroo offer.

ACCORDING to Colombia's **EL TIEMPO** newspaper, the United Arab Emirates play Brazilian-style football, but for a different reason. If they reach the second phase, each player will receive a Rolls Royce.

ACCORDING to the great man himself, Maradona's favourite leisure pastime is hiring entire restaurants, excluding the public, to dine privately with his wife Claudia.

TIMES have changed... English players received \$2000 each for

their country's 1966 World Cup triumph... This year they are on \$400,000 each to the title.

THE English still haven't forgiven Diego Maradona for his "Hand of God" goal in the last World Cup, tearing strips off the man at every opportunity. Here are some comments from the **SUNDAY TIMES**:

"Maradona is a Catholic. The so appealing childlike side of him will want to respond to the Pope's plea at his Papal Blessing of the Rome Olympic Stadium to keep the World Cup in perspective — a game in a world whose priorities are hunger and peace.

"The pontiff warns of the 'obsessive search for wealth, commercialisation, doping and other

FOR the colour-conscious trying to predict the outcome of Italia '90: all 13 past winners — Italy (three times), Brazil (three), West Germany (twice), Uruguay (twice), Argentina (twice) and England (once) played in either blue, white or gold shirts.

A presidential decree has established that Uruguayan government employees will be allowed to leave work early to watch all World cup matches. In Costa Rica, a similar presidential decree will see all public servants given the day off when Costa Rica plays.

CAMEROUN'S leading witch doctors, an integral part of football in Black Africa, have failed to predict Cameroun's fate at the World Cup. However,

one leading witch doctor has offered to provide eleven charms for the players at the cost of \$10,000 each. The Cameroun team, not surprisingly, rejected the offer, saying they have more faith "in the power of their players' legs than in sorcery."

PRIOR to the World Cup it was thought that England's Peter Shilton would equal Pat Jennings' world record of 11 international caps in England's opening game against Eire, and subsequently go on to become the highest capped player in the game's history.

However, South Korea's appeal to FIFA that their 28-year-old number 11, Choi Sun Ho, had played 129 A internationals has been ratified by FIFA and Choi is now recognised as the most capped player in the history of the game.



DIEGO MARADONA — the English still hate him.

forms of fraud and violence' and Maradona symbolises them all.

"The wealth that made him abandon his Argentine team when he was to play in Scotland a month ago to fly to a \$1 million advertising campaign in the Far East. The fraud of the Hand of God, the violence of the men who try to rearrange his anatomy and boots And the doping?"

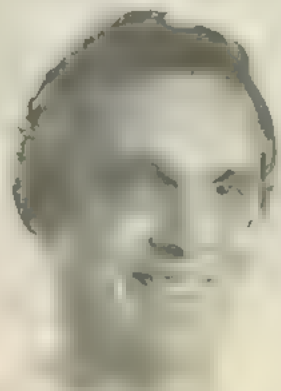
"The perpetual career-shortening injections into the great one's back and ankle which are awash with cortisone.

"Poor, rich, remarkable Maradona."

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Dusan Purac's 1000 coaching sessions



FAIR PLAY

MANLY Vale coach Dusan 'Darcy' Purac has given 1,000 coaching session of his 'Brazilian Soccer Schools'.

Parents of his regular coaching group have dubbed him the 'Coach of the Nineties'.

Three of his proteges are already in the big time. Roman Nikolic is with Red Star Belgrade, Andre Glucina with Hadrjak Split and Chris Bradley with Bayer Uerdingen in West Germany.

Darcy's success rate in transferring his unique skills to the youngsters he coaches is unique.

Milan Gajic, 13 years old and currently with Melita Juniors, has been invited to trial with Dinamo Zagreb, Red Star Belgrade and Partizan Belgrade, all Yugoslavian First Division clubs.

Anthony Surace is off to trial in Fiorentina, Italy after the World Cup.

Possibly the biggest star of all is the Best Player at the Coca-Cola Ultimate Soccer Camp in February, little eight-year-old Anthony Doumanis.

This boy's skills have to be seen to be believed, and his father puts it all down to Dusan's unique coaching ability.

FIFA, after viewing Dusan's "Soccer Skills" video tape, recently sent him a FIFA T-Shirt.

The Fujian Football Association will use him to coach their national youth teams in early 1991.

He has recently been snapped up to coach the Forest Soccer Camp, Mosman Festival, Coca-Cola Camp, Brookvale Show and with the Nepean Under 15 rep squad at Penrith.

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SBS-TV's Big Three



SBS-TV's World Cup Big Three, from left to right, "Mr Italia '90, Les Murray, Andy Paschalidis, who will host the live telecasts from the Sydney studio, and ASW's John Warren, who joins Les Murray as a presenter in Italy.

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Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido — wearing Reusch gloves, of course — displays the 1986 World Cup to Diego Maradona.



Reusch and the evolution of the modern goalkeeper

Though the game of soccer began over a century ago, goalkeepers went out regularly in their sweatshirts and bare hands, until in the 30's, Zamora, the legendary Spanish goalkeeper, decided to wear gloves to get a better grip on the ball in cold, sometimes freezing, conditions.

In the early 70's, Reusch - GmbH, a small German producer of fashion gloves, saw the need for soccer gloves for the goalkeeper, the first major advancement in the sport of tradition.

True, shoes had been lightened with a variety of soles, uniforms had become more colourful and comfortable, but nowhere was the change more dramatic than that in the goalkeeper's attire, especially in the gloves that could make or break a

The first Reusch GmbH glove was the now-famous Sepp Maier model.

Maier, the renowned Bayern Munich goalkeeper, who is now the German national goalkeepers trainer, made these gloves famous in the 1974 World Cup as he led West Germany to the world championship.

For several years Reusch made literally all of the goalkeeper gloves in Europe and invented the velcro wrist strap for top performance.

Over the years, the sudden popularity of goalkeeper gloves has, of course, brought other brands into the world market.

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the ball out of the goal, choose Reusch gloves more than any other brand.

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As soccer has developed also in America, it is only natural that Reusch would become known among American goalkeepers as the best.

Reusch was the brand chosen by US national goalkeepers David Vanole (1989) and Tony Meola (1990), who successfully led the USA to its first World Cup appearance in 40 years.

From Maier to Meola the choice has always been Reusch.

Table Soccer World Cup

AUSTRALIAN table soccer champion Gary Hosie caused one of the few major surprises at the sixth Subbuteo World Cup in Rome when he qualified for the second round of the tournament.

The 31-year-old from Sydney won two of his opening round matches before losing in the second phase to eventual champion Angelos Tsakiris of Greece 5-1.

Hosie and the small band of Australians at the tournament, including a referee and official, made a tremendous impact on the tournament with their sportsmanship and good humour and were rewarded with the Friendship Trophy.

Hosie opened the tournament with a 6-1 caning of Danish player Dennis Madsen, but was beaten by former youth world champion Mario Baglietto of Italy.

Hosie qualified for the second phase with another big win, 8-0, against Jason Bell of the United States, but then went down to Tsakiris and Derek Baglietto of Gibraltar.

Greece beat France 2-1 in the final.

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Chit Chat ...



Gary van Egmond (Marconi) won a trip to the Fairmont at Leura at the Aussie Golf Day. Former Croatia player Peter Mullen is the other winner.

TONY KRSLOVIC, who finished second behind David Seal on the 1989/90 QNSL goalkeepers' list, is being chased by both Apia Leichhardt and Marconi. The talented 20-year-old St George striker, who has been named in the Socceroo squad against Hajduk,

Marconi Soccer Club chairman Remo Nogarotto has been appointed a director of the NSW Soccer Federation, as one of two representatives of the Quit National Soccer League.

In NSW the Western Challenge Cup has drawn 24 entries. The final has been set down for July 22.

Congratulations to Apia-Leichhardt midfielder star Brian Ellem on his engagement to Lynda Lawton!

Champion walker Kerry Saxby and Canberra Croatia soccer player Ray Junna have announced their engagement. The pair have been friends for some time and Junna recently returned from a holiday in the United States where he saw Saxby receive an award as Oceania Athlete of the Year from the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles. It was a good day and a bad day for Junna. He joined the team bus for the away NSW League match at Rockdale Ilinden; broke the news of his engagement to his team mates and amid the congratulations was told he had incurred a club fine for arriving a few minutes late. Worse was to follow as Junna was left on the substitutes' bench for the start of the match, but he came on five minutes before half time and turned in one of his best performances of the season as Croatia stretched its unbeaten run with a 3-0 win.

Former National League striker Glenn Fontana has recently taken over as coach of Wollongong City's under 19 side, and is currently caretaker for

the NSW State League side, after having two years as coach of Fairy Meadow. David Ratcliffe is currently in the UK, where he is sorting out a few imports to strengthen the NSL squad.

Watch out for two Wollongong City 15 year olds, who already look the part in the club's State League outfit. They are striker Sasha Dimoski and stopper Paul Robarrds. There are Wolves' supporters who believe they will force their way into the Under 20 Soccer Youth side.

The feelers are out to bring super skilled David Lowe back home to join Newcastle's BHP Australs after his long stint with NSL minor premiers Marconi. Newcastle secretary David McQuire says that his club is prepared to make a transfer offer.

It was a great gesture to give former Socceroo regular goalkeeper Jeff Oliver a run against Hajduk Split. He made 36 international appearances, and last Wednesday was

his 22nd against other touring teams.

BHP Austral is sweating on the arrival of Yugoslav Milan Miletic — yet another signing being made in the bid to bring the big regional club into the 1990/91 NSL summer league.

Apia's sponsor function



THE newly appointed Apia-Leichhardt president Nick Scali and his board have been quick to get down to tin tacks.

On Friday night the club is staging a Gala Evening, featuring a big 'thank you' to sponsors and supporters alike.

Entertainment will be in the hands of Jane Scali, Graham Wright, Ron Gurrino Band and the Diane Heaton Dancers.



SPIES! Roy Hay's camera caught three prominent Melbourne youth players sorting out youth talent at a recent youth game. L to R: Tony Dunkerley, Victorian Director of Coaching Tim White, and Socceroo midfielder star Paul

DAVID JACK — A TRIBUTE



Ten years ago, while I was still at school, I applied for a job at AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, a new addition to the ranks of soccer publications that year.

The man I wrote to, and subsequently met, was David Jack.

David promised me a job when I finished school some months later — a gesture, as I was to discover in the ensuing years, typical of a man whose life was founded on trust.

For someone who had achieved so much in his journalistic career, he engendered enthusiasm in those around him in a quiet, unassuming way.

That gentleness was felt most strongly by his wife Rose and their children.

David's passing is difficult for his friends to come to terms with; how much more so for his family?

In those days at ASW, David worked under often unwarranted pressures but if anything it brought out the best in his leadership skills.

I remember one occasion when he gave me a task which seemed rather difficult at the time, saying, "I'll do my best."

His response, "I can't ask for anything more than that," lives with me to this day.

Our time together at ASW ended but David's support for me never wavered.

Professionally, David's most recent advice to me probably sums up his philosophy as a journalist.

"Never be afraid to state your opinion," he said. "Not everyone may agree with you, but it's your opinion and you're entitled to it."

On a personal level, his caring nature — the mark of a truly great man — will never be forgotten.

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FRANK SCICLUNA INTERVIEWS MARCONI STALWART FRANK LABBOZZETTA

FORMER Marconi Fairfield soccer president Frank Labbozzetta is seriously considering the possibility of standing for election to the board of directors after this year, in a bid to heal the deep divisions which have now surfaced at Bossley Park.

It's no secret that the dethroned champions are facing a serious split within their ranks.

Officials, members and supporters are completely divided over the running of soccer affairs.

And the trouble-shooter who was largely responsible for sorting out a similar damaging situation during the early seventies is the man who can get the club back on an even keel.

Labbozzetta, brother of well known NSL deputy chairman Tony, has had a long history of involvement in soccer, and was one of the administrators who played a leading role in the creation of the

National League back in 1975.

He sees Marconi's present difficulties as a typical reflection of the problems soccer has to overcome if it's to prosper.

"We have to get back to basics", he claims.

"No club should be at the mercy of its own players and coaches."

"We've now reached a stage where the tail is wagging the dog and everyone seems to have forgotten the simple fact that no-one is ever bigger than the club they represent."

One of Labbozzetta's biggest concerns is the now common trend which sees players insisting on a maximum transfer fee clause inserted in their contracts.

He cites the example of Marconi striker Fred de Jong's recent transfer to Holland for a reported bargain basement fee of \$50,000.

"That sort of money could not even buy a promising 17-year-old in Europe," he argues.

"This club took a big gamble when it brought the Kiwi to Bossley Park and should have been better compen-



BERTI MARIANI

sated for the time and money it spent on developing his talent."

Labbozzetta puts most of the blame for this on the almost unlimited power given to coaches.

"We saw the situation recently where Sydney Olympic's Mick Hickman reportedly insisted on being given total control to stay on for next year" he said.

"Well, it's up to them

how they run their business, but there's no way that would have allowed it to happen at my club."

His firm belief is that coaches should not get involved in financial dealings with players.

"It can lead to all sorts of problems," he argues.

"They certainly have a duty to advise, but final decisions on contracts must be left to the board."

When it was pointed out that such policies could make it difficult to attract players to Bossley Park, Labbozzetta would have none of it.

"Marconi is now the 'Juventus' of Australian soccer."

"Every player with any ambition would give his right arm to come here," was his response.

"We don't need to compromise with anyone."

"Let's never overlook the fact that players and coaches are employees not bosses of their clubs."

It's common knowledge within the game that Marconi is perhaps the one outfit in the league which is not

strapped for cash.

A thriving social club — which is expanding all the time — ensures strong financial backing for soccer.

"But that does not mean that money has to be frittered away," Labbozzetta declared.

"We've seen a number of examples of that."

"Marconi invests big money in its junior programmes but the return has been negligible."

"We have seen precious few youngsters progress to the senior team."

"Steve Calderan and now Paul Okon are the only two that come to mind from the current team."

"If we are to continue splashing out thousands of dollars buying ready-made stars, what's the point in persevering with an expensive junior set up?" he asks.

The wisdom of recruiting players from overseas is another practice which Labbozzetta is highly critical of.

"Unless high-quality players such as Roberto Vieri are brought out, the whole exercise be-

comes a total waste of time and money," he said.

"Matteo Colucci was imported from Italy and Senad Glavovic from Yugoslavia recently at a fair deal of expense, and what happened?"

"Both were largely left to languish either on the bench or in the youth team."

"Where's the sense in that?"

A large number of club members and supporters appear to be currently very much divided over the contentious issue of coach Berti Mariani's future.

Labbozzetta is not backward in giving his views.

"I'm personally against the idea of an employee applying for another job while still employed by the club," he said referring to Mariani's application for the Socceroo post.

"It's a practice which I consider should be totally unacceptable in the business world."

"At any rate, I believe Berti's talents are far more suited to promotions marketing and administration rather than to coaching."

"Besides," he continued, "I consider it's very difficult for any man to do justice to all his duties when he has so many commitments."

To say that Labbozzetta has very strong views on just about anything involving soccer would be a gross understatement.

He also leaves no doubt however that the best interests of his club and the game itself are always placed above everything else in his list of priorities.

That's why a possible comeback into the running of soccer affairs at Marconi can only take the club into an even higher sphere of professional administration.

As Labbozzetta emphasised when questioned on the difficulties now being faced: "Personal pride has simply got to be sacrificed by everyone."

"No one individual can ever be deemed to be greater than the game itself."

Top schools matches

ROUND-UP FROM LINDSAY NEWSON

DESPITE the terrible weather conditions which prevailed in late April, the South Coast was the scene of several exciting first round matches in the Commonwealth Bank Cup.

Last year's leading team on the Coast, Port Kembla, were opposed to the perennially strong Keira, twice winners of the Cup in the past.

Port led 1-0 at half-time after a lovely move down the right and subsequent cross was headed in by Borce Jovanovski but a tight match went to extra-time after Matt Horsley equalised late in the match, after great saves from the Port keeper had kept his team in the match.

A long-range shot from Port which was mishandled by the keeper, was turned in by Zoran Nastovski to give Port a narrow 2-1 victory.

Another two leading teams, Figtree and Woonona, were also opposed in heavy conditions, which made passing and control of the ball difficult.

Figtree could afford the luxury of missing an early penalty but led at the interval after an Elvis Mackovski goal.

Woonona threw everything at the opposition at the beginning of the second half but the Figtree defence with Brian Butkovic and Bader Cartwright supreme withstood every attack and late goals from Daniel Hastings and Corey Isabella sea-

led a Figtree victory.

Warrawong and Berkeley provided yet another very close game with both teams' mid-fields playing exceptionally well. Goalkeeper Stefan Tupakuski repeatedly denied Berkeley in normal time, making some marvellous saves.

However, even he was powerless to stop the Berkeley winner three minutes from the end of extra-time scored by Claudio Corvalon.

Berkeley's win was a fine reward for captain Chris Spaseski who had covered well in defence and attacked strongly from the back, making many breaks.

Inland, at Moss Vale, the locals entertained visiting Karabar High from Queanbeyan in an amazing second round game.

The visitors led 4-1 at half-time but the home team pulled back to level 5-5 at full-time.

No further score in extra-time saw Moss Vale survive a penalty shootout.

Carlos Machado and Brent Reurich were best for Moss Vale and Michael Biscotti starred for Karabar.

Turner Cup

One of the eagerly awaited clashes in the second round of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup was the Area 9 match between Auburn's Benedict College, losing Area finalists for the past two years, and Northmead High, leaders in the Hills

Zone Grade competition, with their best team for five years.

The first half proved to be a mixture of fine passing and good open play which gave both sides opportunities to score.

But a combination of good goalkeeping by Benedict's Paul Lavarato and Northmead's David Klotz, plus some inaccurate shooting saw the interval reached with scores locked at 0-0.

Northmead began to take a grip on the game in the second half as Benedict's tight-marking defenders started to tire and the skilled Benedict midfield were unable to escape the clutches of their Northmead policemen.

Yet, for all their domination, Northmead were unable to score and extra-time appeared certain.

Two minutes from the

end Mark Jones received the ball on the edge of the penalty area, beat two players inside the box before squeezing the ball between the goalkeeper and post to give Northmead a 1-0 victory.

Defending champions Cambridge Park reached the third round after a 6-0 win over St Clair, whilst the team everyone fears in this area, St Dominics of Penrith, recorded their

second successive 6-0 victory, this time against Doonside.

Epping Boys High continue to pile up the goals in Area 10, following their 11-0 demolition of Killara with an even greater 13-0 win against Galston. It is to be hoped that Normanhurst will extend them in Round 3.

In Area 11 the scene is set for a magnificent clash between Hurstville Boys (victors over

Bankstown 5-0 and East Hills 4-1) and Condell Park, who have defeated Kingsgrove 2-0 and Kirrawee 4-2.

In the South West the rumours are that Westfields have a fine team but they will face stiff opposition from Prairiewood whilst in the East is the eagerly awaited clash between local rivals Christian Bros Lewisham and De La Salle Ashfield.

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Bradley leaves vital questions wide open

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE outstanding point about the Bradley Report is that, by and large, it aims to address the major problems.

pride in representing his state?

The answer simply is that he can do as a junior, and from there on it is a big NO, NO.

State representation should be a step to-

yet the winning formula was right in front of their noses.

Remarkably, the NSL finally cottoned on, and is on a winner provided the right clubs earn their way.



Scenes from the Sydney Olympic-Melbourne Croatia final at Parramatta Stadium. The move is to bring more of the general public in to boost existing crowds. — Pic: HECTOR CARRASCO.

These include:

- The national team
- The National Soccer League
- Administration of the ASF
- Relationships between the ASF, the State Federations and their affiliates.
- Development of juniors, coaches, referees and women players.

Following the success of interstate State of Origin games in rugby league and qualified success at this stage in Australian rules the NSW-Queensland rugby union games, it might have been expected that this aspect would have figured more prominently in the report.

After all, we hear enough about international matches in Europe and South America!

What about Australia doing the right thing?

If soccer is to improve, a new attitude has to be fostered for games featuring NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in particular.

No doubt there will be those who deride Australian interstate games.

Rest assured, however, that unless these matches are put in place and promoted properly, then the soccer public will have one vital area of development denied them.

As it stands now, which player takes

wards national team selection.

Most certainly Soccer representation is the pinnacle, but the right steps along the way must be established.

Early in Federation days 7,500 turned out at a NSW-Queensland game at Sydney Sports Ground and were well entertained.

NSW v Victoria could be a huge and profitable event.

For want of foresight and promotion the series was dropped.

Vital

The NSL is of supremely vital importance, but the game also needs interstate football.

The Bradley Report rightly leaves the question at interstate and also Cup level to a "National and Interstate Competitions Committee."

There is little doubt that some will not rate this committee's operation too highly.

The fact remains that the playing infrastructure must be put in place if soccer is at last to be a success.

Australia has its own peculiarities in sport and sports development, and they must be observed.

For many years Federations and the NSL played around with unacceptable grand final systems,

through

NSL

The trick with the necessary regrouping of the NSL clubs in major cities is to build additional district support on the base of the major ethnic clubs.

Trace through the crowds of earlier days of immigration until the present day.

The game is gradually being taken over by the Australian born — on the field and off it.

For quite some time many major club officials have quietly admitted that the present straight ethnic clubs cannot be maintained over the coming years, because the passage of time bears all its sons away.

The change to complete district names should be pencilled in for four or five years time — or preferably less. This does not prevent overseas born people following the clubs.

Should any vital parts of Bradley's program be rejected, it will be that much harder to establish soccer properly further down the track.

Looking at Sydney, it is not only the Auburns, Western Suburbs, Bankstown etc that have gone from the top league.

The Pragues, Sydney Australs, Sydney City (Hakoah), Yugals, Polonias etc have either folded or taken lesser positions in the game.

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BHP Austral chief Dave McQuire sets Newcastle's agenda

[NSW State League expert Paul Goodwin interviews BHP Austral football and licenced club secretary, Dave McQuire. Formerly a top level goalkeeper with Apia Leichhardt and South Coast United and consultant to the St George Budapest club, McQuire is aiming to see Newcastle return to the top.]

Q: This looks like being the best year for Newcastle soccer since the demise of Newcastle KB. What are your chief hopes for this season?

A: Obviously the main aim is to win the State League and gain promotion to the National League. Whilst winning the league is the most important aspect it is essential that the facilities in the licenced club and on the ground are upgraded. The Newcastle Council will approve our \$1 million stage 1 development over the next two weeks.

We are also in the

port, there is a dispute between the NSW

Federation and the Amateurs over the control of juniors in the state.

The system that the Amateurs set up which incidentally has a fairly similar soul mate in Queensland, is one of the few areas that has ever functioned reasonably well in Australian soccer down the years.

Whilst city juniors have to be further bonded into the system and be required to back district clubs, the present main thrust must not be allowed to be destroyed.

The Amateurs have however made a major mistake in not arranging inter regional country games, which could be their Achilles heel.

Personally, I could only believe that soccer is really on the right track in NSW when a meaningful Sydney v Country game is promoted and played regularly.

The Commissioners would do well to try to get states other than NSW and Queensland to get their junior sectors in order, learning much from the mentioned states.

It seemed remarkable that Dr Bradley, having surely previously examined the rugby league country setup, did not lay out something more constructive in this vital area of football.

Whilst he had the responsibility to concentrate on major issues, too many soccer administrators lack the background to know what is required in this vital department.

process of finalising the purchase of a further 10 acres next door to the club which will provide at least 1000 car parking spaces as well as two fully lit training grounds. We believe that over the next few years we will have one of the best sporting complexes in the Newcastle region.

Q: The State League, particularly now that it has been thrown open to the NSL clubs, is clearly positioning itself as a semi-professional competition of the highest order. Are you impressed with what is being done?

A: The principle of having the National League teams compete in the State League is a great idea but we believe that the 1990 season was not the right time to start. Unfortunately for many years the soccer administrations have approached the running of the game by changing formats of competitions on a far too regular basis. However, the NSW Federation must improve the State League competition if the game is to prosper in NSW. If they can set the formula right between the NSL teams and State League teams the State League can be an excellent competition.

Q: How do you feel about the structure of the State League competition this year?

A: The structure of the State League as it stands now was not what the First Division clubs really wanted but in the end the NSW Federation wanted to include the NSL clubs regardless.

We don't believe that any state club is happy with the format of the 1990 State League, but all clubs have decided that we must make the best of the league and pray that 1991 State League season will provide all the clubs with a sound, strong and promotable 1991 season.

Q: Are you going to continue with the same level of financial commitment in future seasons if promotion does not eventuate?

A: Newcastle BHP Austral has spent the last 2½ years putting soccer back on the rails in Newcastle. In fact after the takeover by our club of the old Newcastle team the

Austral licenced club has spent around \$80,000 paying debts that were left by the former club in addition to covering all the other operating costs of the football team.

On a positive note the club has continued to show a profit during those two difficult years. The Austral licenced club was formed many years ago to support soccer and at this stage the directors have given no indication that their policies may change.

However, is the expenditure warranted in a State League competition? Our club now has a powerful base of sponsors probably not equalled in any club in Australia. For example BHP Steel Rod Bar & Products Division is the premier sponsor.

NBN Television, Radio 2HD, the FAI Insurance Group, and the latest addition Tooheys Limited are all major sponsors, and to this Admiral Sportswear as our gear supplier, Lemair Electrical as the youth sponsor, and 35 other corporate sponsors and you can see Newcastle BHP Austral is certainly in sound financial position.

The Austral licenced club of course is in strong financially with assets in excess of \$1 million and is debt free, not a bad position in anybody's view. However, the financial stability of the club has been achieved through sound management decisions and these decisions will continue to be made by the board of directors.

The ASF, NSW Federation and the Northern NSW Federation must surely recognise how much money and support we have generated and it would be a shame to see this massive corporate support being lost to the game not only in Newcastle but to soccer generally. Newcastle has a population of 500,000 people, 27,000 juniors play the game, so if this region is not in the NSL the club may have to reconsider its financial commitment in the future.

Q: You are not happy about the spacing of home and away games during the season. What is your major concern?

A: On the question of spacing of home and away games we find it hard to understand why it cannot be organised better than is. For example, our last game in the Challenge Cup against Sutherland was on the April 28. The next home game scheduled in Newcastle was on June 9, a period of 6 weeks. Hardly satisfactory, particularly when you have your own ground.

Fortunately, we approached Berti Mariani and explained our problem and the Marconi club were good enough to switch the first game of the season, therefore reducing the away break to five weeks.

Of course, we have been able to play most pre-season games in Newcastle, but a break of even five weeks is most unsatisfactory.

Q: Do you see any future for the competition in its revised format?

A: The revised format has merit but it must be organised much better so clubs are aware of just what is going on.

Q: Notwithstanding your club's projected participation in the next NSL season what would you like to see done to make the State League a success next winter?

A: A) The clubs in the State League must have facilities and their own grounds.

B) Facilities must be improved to attract and satisfy future spectators. The NSW Federation have a wealth of information from all clubs now and have the power to force clubs to meet the criteria to be in State League. If they don't take the appropriate action the game will not progress.

C) The State League format must come out as early as possible. 1990 has been a difficult year for the Federation as well as the clubs and I think it would be fair to say that the current format has already cost clubs money.

D) The State League must be a promotable league and it needs a great deal of promotion.

E) The Federation must settle on a format and then gain sponsorship money to be used to promote the State League.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

FORMER State goalkeeper Robbie Parks, who starred last season with Hellas, has announced his retirement.

He has more pressing family and business commitments.

Brother Steve, though, who retired earlier this season, made a comeback with Cumberland.

GOALKEEPER Lou Pivetta, formerly one of the best in SA, has made a comeback.

He is playing in the amateur league with Clipsal, coached by Graham Stanbridge.

BIRKALLA Eagles have welcomed back giant midfielder Mike Genikas.

He has been transferred back to Adelaide after a country teaching position in which he played football in the West Coast of SA.

Tim Mullen, the younger brother, of Adelaide City star Joe Mullen, is to be sidelined for a month with glandular fever.

Birkalla utility player Nick Mitchell has joined Cumberland.

CROATIA has welcomed back skipper Paul Blute from injury.

The tough Irishman injured a knee in the Ampol Cup win against Birkalla.

Teenage prospect Doug Paterson also is coming back after breaking his leg in that match.

HELLAS goalkeeper Chris Tsoleridis is believed to be the youngest player to have played in the First Division.

He was 14, but months younger than Agostino, when he played in goal for Port Adelaide against Beograd in 1982.

Tsoleridis was named man of the match though his side lost 1-0 through an own goal.

PIERRE Della-Porta has reversed the trend for much-maligned referees.

Handling a recent Azzurri-Modbury junior game he received glowing praise from both teams.

They said his performance was the best they had come across all this season at any grade.

Della-Porta is a provisional Class 2 ref who is awaiting field tests to step up in gradings.

TALKING of refs, evergreens Bill Devine and John Hardy had a weekend to remember at Renmark.

Controlling a knock-out cup competition between them they handled 300 minutes of soccer as either linesman or referee.

Two very tired men in black drove home after Renmark Olympic beat River Rangers 7-5 on penalties in the final.

DENI Stepic showed Croatia team-mates a clean pair of heels this week at training.

But it had nothing to do with soccer.

Stepic and mates attended an aerobic session at team-mate Steve Witwicki's Braham Lodge sporting centre on Monday in a break from the normal training routine.

The full-back was the master of an eye-opening night.

AROUND 600 of the best young soccer players in SA converged on Seaford at the weekend for the junior State soccer championships.

A total of 70 games were played among district teams from all over the State, including Whyalla and Mt Gambier. Sides from Broken Hill also took part.

TWO goals from 'skin-head' Mark Chumbley gave Cumberland a 2-0 victory over Enfield in the West End Premier Cup. Hellas beat Noarlunga by the same margin with Steve Politis and Nick Stamatelopoulos netting.

ADELAIDE City coach Zoran Matic will make no comment on his coaching future until after SA's game on Wednesday against Croatian tourist Hajduk Split at Hindmarsh.

City chief Charlie Caruso last week called for Matic to make a decision on his future so the club could plot its course for the new season.

Matic has gone on record that he wanted to step down from the coaching role with former star City player John Perin taking over.

But Perin, who had a spell with Campbelltown last year after coaching City's State League side, as yet has not seemed keen to take up that option.

Matic said the City coaching job did not attract committee pressure.

"The fans always want success and they often don't take into account all the circumstances," said Matic, "but the committee at City always has given support."

A major problem the club is to look at is the provision of adequate

training conditions. City's would have to have been among the worst in the NSL last season.

"Only twice have we trained on a properly marked out pitch. The rest of the time has been on an open paddock where there is no orientation for players," Matic said.

Matic knows his State squad needs an improvement in attitude and approach to be ready to face Hajduk.

"There are problems with many of the State League players who are playing on Saturday and Monday," said their coach.

"We have not done the simple things well in training," said Matic. "Some of the State League players must realise they are not just there for enjoyment. They cannot forget about discipline."

SCOTTISH import defender Martin Doak has left Hellas to return to Scotland.

He is to return to his old club Morton and will start pre-season training in early July.

Doak could not agree terms for a new contract with Hellas.

HELLAS president Michael Aronis says the club wants to attract Blacktown's Paul Carter on loan until the end of the State League season.

Kurt Reynolds also could be fixed up from the same club.

Hellas, meanwhile, has had a scout scouring Scotland and West Germany for new playing talent in a bid to win the State League and re-enter the NSL via the playoffs.

ELIZABETH City is to send a letter of protest to the SA Soccer Federation over the 'deplorable' standard of refereeing in the Second Division.

Secretary Jerry Haughey said club officials were incensed by the standard in the clash against Olympians which Elizabeth lost 4-0.

"But this was just the last straw. It is not a case of sour grapes. We were ready to complain when we beat Campbelltown, too," said Haughey.

"This game was a real sickener. We finished the game with eight players after having two sent off and the goalkeeper taken off with a broken finger."

But Elizabeth says it was pure frustration on its side's part.

"We were penalised for retaliation when we were subjected to elbowing, spitting and jersey-pulling," claimed Haughey.

"We are trying to promote a positive im-

age at the club but we feel we are being prejudged at games. We felt as if we had been ambushed on Saturday."

"We know you have to accept the referee's decision and you can do that if he is competent and fair. But too many this year have just not been up to it. Maybe they have too much to do. Perhaps we should get time keeping aids or whatever to help them."

"It is perhaps fortunate such a performance went against a side like us on Saturday. I dread to think what could have happened had it been against some other clubs."

ACT BRIEFS

ACT under 16 coach Alan Reis believes at least a couple of members of his squad have a chance of making the Australian Joeys team for next year's World under 17 Cup.

"We are looking competitive and have nothing to fear from the traditionally strong states such as NSW and Victoria in the national titles," he says.

The ACT's chance will come in Sydney from July 9 to 14. The squad is: Michael Giannasca, Tom Rogic, Luke Harrison, Ante Juric, Luigi Gaspari, Paul Roberts, Elliot Zwaugabini, Robert Perinovic, Daniel Macor, Joe Campagna, Pero Kon-sul, Lazar Simeonov, Nick Rendina, Grant Wilson, Craig Rankine, Robert Coulter.

Coach: Alan Reis; assistant coach: Steve Bryant; manager: Peter Hugg; Trainer: Barry Rumble.

UNDER 14 representative trials are being conducted over the next few Sundays at Hackett Oval from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Anyone interested and in the right age group should report to coaches Geoff Gwynn and Martyn Smith this Sunday.

THE ACT League's presentation night will be held on October 3. Local soccer clubs with sufficient facilities have been invited to tender for the event.

MANDY LANG-LAR's lead in the Acclaim Trophies Best and Fairest award for the ACT women's First Division has been cut following recent results. She has 10 votes ahead of two Stormbirds players, Heather Birnie (8) and Sara King (6).

— GRAHAM COOKE



Launceston Juventus (Tasmanian Cadbury State League) — Back row (L-R): Karl Pless (Coach), Zlatko Belanic, Nenad Zajec, Neal Bishop, Stephen Blytha, Robbie Huigsloot, Marijan Begovic, John Heiermann, Dallas Joiner, Chris Barrell, John Reeves, John Bilac. Front row (L-R): Brendan Lakoseljic, Richard Heiermann, Mark Collidge, John Arnold, Tuach Hussein, Sacha Puclin, Ivan Kvesic, Ivan Stefanovic (Manager).

Belnorth sets pace in ACT

WHATEVER the ills besetting soccer elsewhere in the ACT, the Northern Suburbs are still solidly behind the code at junior level. Canberra High School physical education teacher Charlie Osman believes.

"I know, as a parent

and a teacher, that if you talk about Belnorth to anyone who has anything to do with sport in Belconnen, they will know it is a soccer club," he says.

"Whatever they eventually end up with, most Belconnen youngsters spend the first two or three years of their sporting lives playing soccer."

Over the years Canberra High, based in the suburb of Macquarie, has reaped the benefit of this grass roots enthusiasm for the code.

It is the only ACT team to have won the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup, competed for by schools throughout

the Eastern States, and is a consistently strong performer in the competition.

Recently it was at it again, defeating a gallant but underpowered Campbell High 6-1 in an ACT and Southern NSW quarter-final match. In a previous round it had dispatched Crookwell 5-0.

Many players have gone on from Canberra High to make their marks in local soccer, and the school could have a worthy successor to these in captain Bruce Hara.

The big striker was the terror of the Campbell defence, scoring four of his side's goals

— GRAHAM COOKE

More tour success for AIS

THE Australian Institute of Sport soccer side had the toughest test so far on its Far Eastern tour when it beat Guangzhou Select Schools 1-0.

The 30-degree heat and 90 per cent humidity was an uncomfortable introduction to China for the AIS team, and it was happy to preserve its 100 per cent record with a 59th minute goal from Reg Dickinson.

Earlier, the Australians completed the Hong Kong stage of their tour with a 2-0 win over the colony's under 19 team.

Stephen Corica opened the scoring in the third minute and Kris Trajanovski followed up in the second half.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT LEAGUE

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Canberra City Con	5	2	1	2	10	12
Tuggeranong Utd	3	3	2	1	11	9
Univ of Canberra	2	4	2	2	10	8
Canberra Croatia	2	3	5	1	19	6
Weston Creek	2	1	5	1	17	5
Defence Academy	0	0	0	8	5	0

Canberra City's latest address

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA City, one-time owner of the ACT's premier club, gave a firm indication it is on the comeback trail when members of the soccer community gathered for the opening of its new premises.

While retaining its traditional base at East Row, it has branched into the nearby Una Poter Centre giving its members a choice of destinations.

This is a far cry from the dark times in the early 1980s when City, in the face of mounting debts, was forced to divest itself of the National Soccer League side to Downer Olympic.

Olympic eventually sold the team on to its current owner, Canberra Croatia.

Most speakers moved quickly over that period, harking back to successful days from the formation of the NSL in 1977 when City frequently drew crowds of 7000 or more to Bruce stadium.

And club president Neil Hammel, in welcoming the guests, stressed the importance of co-operation if ACT soccer is to regain its place in the sun.

"It can only be done with the co-operation of all clubs in the area — we should not repeat the mistakes of the past," he said.

In officially opening the premises, the Alliance Government's executive assisting the Minister for Sport, Bill Stefaniak, reminded his audience that soccer was the ACT's first representative in a national competition.

"It has a fine tradition. One of Canberra's former players, Frank Farina, has gone on to become the leading scorer in the Belgium League, and is now regarded as one of the greats among this nation's sports people," he said.

Kearton rising at Everton

BY GREG RUSSELL

AUSTRALIA'S "forgotten soccer export", former Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Jason Kearton, has had his future secured with Merseyside giants, Everton.

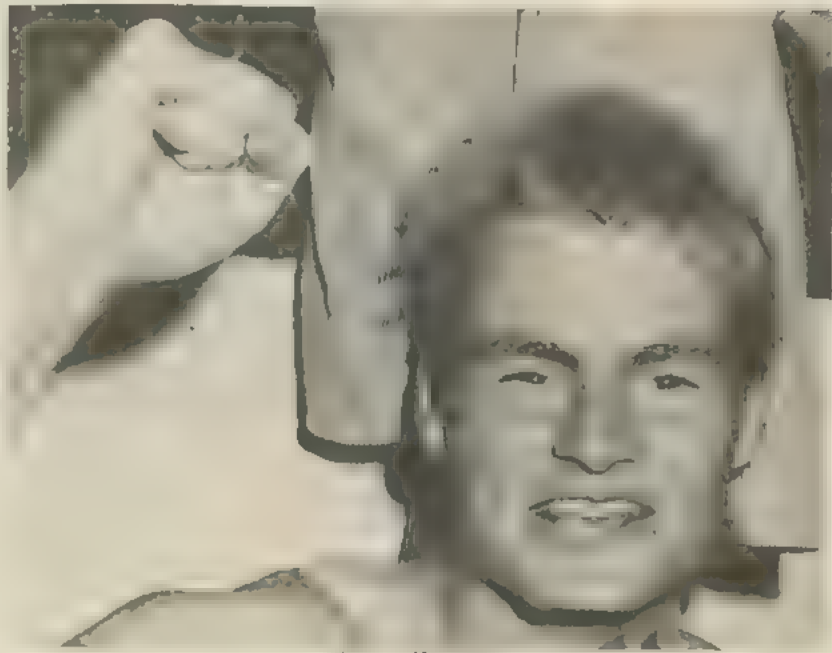
Kearton, at present, on an off-season holiday back home, has been offered a two year contract with the English First Division club where he has played for the past 18 months.

While Welsh international Neville Southall has a firm grip on the Everton No. 1 shirt, the contract offer to Kearton is a clear indication he is seen by Everton as the heir apparent.

Kearton, who turns 21 next month, played the majority of last season with Everton Youth side, but on a number of occasions replaced the club's No. 2 keeper Mick Stowell in the reserves.

"I'm pretty happy with the way I'm going," said Kearton, who undoubtedly is far more confident than when he tentatively left Australia to knock on doors in England looking for a trial.

"I've learned a lot at Everton and my attitude to the game has certainly



Jason Kearton

changed," he said. "I'm quite definite in my own mind now that I want to get to the top."

Kearton believes he could not have a better tutor than Southall, rated by some as the world's best, and is in the right company at Everton to succeed.

"Southall is a great bloke to work with, he helps me all the time," Kearton said.

After 18 months at Goodison, Kearton said the novelty of him being an Australian had long worn off and he had quickly learned to survive.

He had had to adapt to the professional manner of the leg-

dary club.

His much cherished flowing blond locks are long gone and his slight frame filled out thanks to the rigorous training routine.

"I usually train with the first team and since I'm a young bloke, the older guys are always trying to beat me," Kearton said. "It's good because I try harder to stop them."

While Kearton suffered home sickness in his first season, he has taken positive steps to solve the problem. He will marry his long time girlfriend Stacey Abraham in De-

cember.

Although Kearton concedes as a goalkeeper it could take longer for him to emulate the feats of other successful Australians now in Europe, he has no doubts he made the right decision to take a chance and head to England.

He advises other young Australians to do the same.

"I've learned you don't get anywhere unless you take your chances," he said.

"The worst thing to do is sit back in Australia and wonder whether you would make it while your opportunity slips by."

Queensland hold NSW

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell presented his credentials for national appointment when he masterminded the Maroons' gritty scoreless draw against a powerful NSW side at Perry Park last weekend.

The Blues, coached by NSL Coach of the Year and Socceroo job aspirant Berti Mariani, boasted nine internationals. But they could not break a resolute Queensland side which finished the game boasting the better scoring chances.

New Zealand midfielder Paul Halford and ageless Queensland captain Frank Pimblett ran the show and maintained the Stowell-inspired Queensland shape that gave the better credentialed NSW players no room to move.

Stowell, who makes no secret that he believes national recognition is overdue, hoped the draw would remind "the powers that be in the south" that he coached the Australian under 16 sides to the quarter-finals in China and Canada but has missed out in national team appointments since.

"Given the opportunity I would certainly jump at it," he said. Stowell said the draw against NSW was a coaching victory as well testimony to his players' commitment.

"In coaching terms I think I bettered Berti because I didn't have nine internationals to work with," Stowell said.

"Hopefully this result will remind officials that there are people outside of Sydney and Melbourne who can coach a bit."

But Stowell said the

real heroes of the match were his players, who were tipped to be thrashed by the strongest NSW side sent to Perry Park in years.

He rated the win far better than Queensland's 2-2 draw with touring English side Charlton Athletic last month.

"It's a better result because it is against better opposition," Stowell said. "NSW were a very good side who wanted to win more than Charlton."

While Halford, the man of the match, and Pimblett were outstanding, Origin recruits Steve Jackson and Danny Wright also played big parts in helping match the NSW might.

Wright had an impressive first half while Jackson at sweeper marshalled his defence without fault.

"Steve brought us a lot of knowledge, professionalism and NSL experience," Stowell said.

Mariani said his team had failed to live up to expectations because they had played at "80 percent".

A number of NSW players had been out of action for six weeks and the team had trained together just once — although Queensland were hardly better off having just two sessions before the match.

"There was a lot of good play, but not enough composure in front of goals," Mariani said. "We didn't use the flanks enough."

Busy Sydney Olympic midfielder Gary Phillips was voted the NSW players' Player of the Match.

NSW started better with Peter Katholos going close in the seventh minute with a low shot, but Queensland hit back and good

passing between Jackson, Wright and McDonagh ended with Jackson shooting narrowly wide.

Two minutes later Halford had a great shot saved by Bob Catlin.

The action slowed until the final minutes of the half when Queensland keeper Rob Farrow needed his legs to keep out a sizzling Jason van Blerk grasscutter, then a minute later Catlin tipped over a 25m Wright pldriver.

The best scoring chance of the game fell to Halford eight minutes after the break following a pinpoint cross from Nick Meredith. Halford controlled the ball just metres off the line, but a scrambled of NSW legs and bodies in front of him saw his shot blocked.

The only other opportunity of the game was created by Queensland substitute Noel Carroll, who used his speed to burst through a flat NSW defence in the 78th minute.

Replacement keeper John Filan scorched off his line and bravely blocked well outside his area.

The ball bounced for Queensland fullback David Hunter, who attempted to curl his shot over the stranded Filan and two retreating defenders but it went just wide.

The only caution of the match was given to Bernal midway through the second half, for a mysterious offence.

QUEENSLAND: Farrow, Mengotti (Sister 69th), Jackson, Stowell, Groom D. Hunter, Wright, Halford, Pimblett, Meredith (Koch 83rd), McDonagh (Carroll 89th).

NSW: Catlin (Filan 45th), Bernal, Calderan, Wheatley, de Marigny Phillips, Katholos, Hooker, van Blerk (Okon 71m), Krstovic (Seal 76m), Arnold.

REFEREE: Bill Mon-

Bundaberg cyclone beats Charlton

BY PHIL MARTIN



WIDE BAY (QUEENSLAND) v CHARLTON ATHLETIC: Back Row l to r: Clive Stark (Trainer), Raoul Cunningham (Ass. Coach), Paul Trimboli, Radike Nawalu, Mark Prove, Peter Barnes, Rodney Cooper, Raul Canniffe, Paul Bongioletti, Steve Haack, Terry Aslett (Manager), Glenn Bongioletti (Promotions), Tony Buesnel (Coach). Front Row: Tony Prove, Mike Petersen, John Brillante, Dean Fines, John Gorza, Jamie Halley, Dale Zimmerlie, Tony Roebuck, Peter Chapman, Kim Biggs.

WIDE Bay's match against English tourists Charlton Athletic had to be abandoned after 61 minutes with the Englishmen leading 1-0.

A cyclonic downpour destroyed the promotion after an excellent crowd turned out to witness the game.

The local side had

been boosted by the addition of two guest players from South Melbourne — Mike Petersen and Paul Trimboli.

There was plenty of action early and Charlton almost scored twice in the first 10 minutes.

Trimboli overcame Charlton's offside trap with a mazy run.

But in the 37th minute Charlton's

Darren Pitcher scored with a shot on the run.

Had the game not have been terminated the Queenslanders might have come away with an upset.

Fjian Radiko Nawalu showed out well.

Thanks go to Across the Waves Sports Club, Australian Airline, the QSF and VSF and the South Melbourne Hellas club who made Petersen

and Trimboli available.

Tony Buesnel said: "Bundaberg will be happy to promote a similar fixture in future, even though the weather cost us thousand of dollars on the occasion."

"We would also like to host a top NSL club pre-season."

"I think Charlton got a culture shock when they saw what we are doing here in Australia."

Mark Brusasco concentrates on playing — not coaching

BY GREG RUSSELL

COALSTARS player-coach Mark Brusasco has sacrificed his position to save the club from relegation.

Brusasco stood down as coach as the Ipswich club became further entrenched at the bottom of the table.

The former state striker, who had been at the helm at Bundaberg for 19 months, took the bold step to enable him to concentrate his efforts on the park.

With two to be relegated from the XXXX League this season, as opposed to one for the past five years, the pressure is on Coalstars to edge above fellow strugglers Olympic United and Grange Thistle.

"We've definitely got the talent in the side to do well," Brusasco said. "It was a very hard decision but the team has to come first."

"I couldn't seem to get the best out of the players. Maybe they need a new face in front of them."

"I'm going to concentrate on lifting my form on the park and get us back in the winning list."

"My resignation may shake up a few of the boys, if we can string together a few wins, I will be the first to congratulate them."

Reserves coach Phil Caldwell and club president John Stumer will share the coaching duties in the immediate



Mark Brusasco

Both respect Brusasco for his decision.

"It was a brave decision for Mark to make," Stumer said.

"There was no pressure put on him by the club. We are pleased he is staying on in a playing capacity."



THE recent death of David Jack, probably Australia's most highly qualified sporting journalist, severs another Australian link with 'Mother' England.

David and I were fellow journalists, we played together in celebrity games, I coached his son, David at APLA.

David, before immigrating to Australia was a sporting journalist with some of England's top circulation newspapers.

His best skill was writing on soccer, the game his own father pre-World War II won renown for as an England player and as a star with the Arsenal, then England's greatest club side.

David Jack (senior) transferred to Arsenal for a then records British transfer fee of some few thousand pounds.

On the day his son (age 64) died, transfer fees for soccer stars had risen to many millions, with up to \$16 million being speculated for Maradona to tempt him to go to America.

Attacking football gladdens the heart



England coach Bobby Robson, pictured at his last assignment in Italy before joining crack Dutch club, PSV Eindhoven. Robson ran a stable ship — will his successor take a more dynamic role and brighten English tactics?

Soccer was born in England and its Soccer traditions last long.

It only recently allowed limited advertising on soccer players' jerseys.

It only recently allowed more than one substitute in a game.

Only this season has its club begun to embrace the 'sweeper' defensive system, which has been used throughout the world

for two decades

I played in England soon after the second World War as a young professional with Newcastle United and we were amazed when the 'continentals' began showing us how to play the game.

Moscow Dynamo visited us and played in front of more than 80,000 people at Stamford Bridge Stadium London, the home of Chelsea.

The place was packed, people spilled over into the playing area, right up against the touchlines.

"Look at their boots", said the amazed spectators.

"Look how small they are ... and look some don't even wear shinpads."

Up at Newcastle we wore heavy, hard toed, above the ankle football boots — and you had to wear the club-supplied massive cane and padding shinpads.

Those hard toed boots could cause terrible damage to a players shins

Years after Moscow Dynamos had come and gone, I and my colleagues were still wearing those heavy boots and those massive shinpads.

Limited 'continental' teams came over to play friendlies against English clubs during the ensuing years.

But not sufficient to make an impact on the smug and insular British soccer mind, which continually reminded itself that 'it' had given soccer to the world and 'it' knew how to play it best.

Attack!

The insular English do not travel well.

It is only in the newer Commonwealth years that Europe has started to feel at all like a holiday home to the Englishman.

If David Jack were still alive he would want England to go on the attack in the World Cup.

David yearned for the return to the days when club teams played with three forwards and two attacking inside forwards — today we would call them attacking midfielders.

That is a potent minimum attacking

in this way.

All soccer people in Australia learned that when Australia lost to Israel in the crucial World Cup preliminary game in Sydney last year.

Last week my then NSW Second Division table topping side Southern Districts learned that lesson anew against an excellently prepared Fairfield City side, under former Sydney Olympic star and Uruguayan international, Vince Estavillo.

So, David Jack was right, the thing is to be able to attack.

The thing is to be able to really play.

That is the challenge for all soccer teams, for all soccer players.

The British Empire was still intact and the recent victory over Hitler reinforced the feeling of English soccer's invincibility, which emanated from soccer headquarters at London's Lancaster Gate and spread throughout the country.

England wouldn't play in post-war World Cup competitions, really out of sheer condescension.

When we eventually did play and were beaten by the USA and eliminated in the preliminaries — that did create a huge shock wave.

But this soon subsided.

"Foreign refs ... foreign soil ... foreign food ... foreign crowds ... we weren't really trying". Such rationale soon soothed the national psyche.

Slow learners

However, from that time onward, a succes-



sion of resounding defeats at international level has caused the English to question their position of self crowned Kings of Soccer.

National hero, England coach Alf Ramsey, who became Sir Alf Ramsey after his England team beat Germany to win the 1966 World Cup, lifted the somewhat damaged English collective ego, when, on returning from the 1970 World Cup he made his famous statement: "Brazil has nothing to show us".

As Brazil won the 1970 World Cup and England had performed very ordinarily, this statement seemed somewhat myopic.

Surprisingly, that attitude has been maintained by many of English Soccer's professional fraternity for most of the time since.

However, the English press in recent years has gone the other way and rates the Dutch, Yugoslavs and many of the South Americans far greater than they really are, whilst blasting the English players because of lack of ability.

This backlash must give the national team a feeling of inferiority at times, especially with their non-involvement in Europe during recent years.

Most of England's recent run of 17 international games undefeated have been played at Wembley and the players are also well aware of this.

Commonwealth Bank Shield

The wet conditions of April gave way to a virtual heat-wave in time for Figtree girls' second match in this year's Commonwealth Bank Shield.

After a 3-0 win over Port Kembla in Round 1, Figtree were opposed to Oak Flats in a second round game.

An early goal to Oak Flats after a Beverley Robb shot took a deflection off a defender, saw Figtree trailing at the interval but a Michelle Dreessen goal levelled the scores midway through the second half. In extra-time Figtree prevailed with the winner coming five minutes from the end from Kim Dainty.

In Met South West Eagle Vale met Camden in a game which they dominated from start to finish but only showed glimpses of their best form.

An early goalmouth scramble saw Melinda Freudenstein poke the ball over the line for the opening goal for Eagle Vale.

A lovely defence-splitting pass saw Danelle Vouden calmly place the ball past the advancing goalkeeper to give Eagle Vale its final 2-0 margin.

Best player for the victors was captain Tracy Clayton who led her team well.



Up on the North Coast, Bellingen entertained Dorrigo, last year's leading team from the region.

A Rachel Bailey goal gave the victors an early lead but expert use of the offside trap by Bellingen prevented Dorrigo increasing their lead till late in the second stanza when a lovely goal from Michelle Lee sealed a Dorrigo victory.

Weston's Kelso of Bathurst are through to the last sixteen teams in the State, having defeated Orange's Carobolas in the regional final. Met South West's semi-finalist from last year, Bass, are also once again in the final 16, having scored 28 goals and conceding only one.

Defending champions James Ruse are to play Blacktown Girls in an eagerly awaited Met West final next week and East Hills Girls clash with Canley Vale in the second of the Met South West finals.

It has been an excellent effort by Canley Vale to get this far, though coach Greg Trainor has aged considerably in the past month, after his team had to survive two penalty shootouts.

London clout

SPORT and politics can be an effective mix if you are determined to get your own way, Lennie Lawrence, the coach of English club Charlton Athletic, believes.

In 1985 the London-based outfit moved out of its traditional home at The Valley to share Selhurst Park with near neighbour Crystal Palace. "A decision which was taken by people who ran the club then who don't run it now," Lawrence says.

The current ownership is desperate to get back but with the emphasis now on stadium safety in the wake of the Bradford fire, a considerable amount must be spent to bring The Valley up to standard.

"But the local council has been unwilling to co-operate, so at the last local elections our supporters organised their own Valley Party."

"Everyone thought it would just be a joke but in fact they polled 15,000 votes and although they did not win any seats, it has jolted the sitting councillors to the extent that we feel we now have a good chance in getting a slightly revised planning application through."

— GRAHAM COOKE

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE FAIR PLAY CUP

Marconi Fairfield, 1989 inaugural winners of the NSL Fair Play Cup, retained the trophy for the 1989/90 season, narrowly edging out last year's runners up South Melbourne Hellas by just three points.

The Fair Play Award, introduced initially by world soccer body FIFA, has been adopted by a number of National Federations for their domestic competitions in an effort to curb foul play and encourage skilful football.

It is gratifying to note that the top three teams in the Fair Play Table — Marconi, South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide City — also finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the premiership, a fine indication that fair play, skilful soccer and success go hand in hand.

	P/L	Y/C	R/C	NO. OF PLAYERS	POINTS
Marconi	28	23	1	13	108
Sth Melbourne.....	30	25	2	11	111
Adelaide City	29	29	2	11	114
Sydney Croatia	28	31	4	14	150
Adel Hellas	27	32	2	18	153
Sydney Olympic	30	36	3	13	160
Preston Makedonia	27	34	3	16	163
APIA Leichhardt	29	37	1	13	169
Blacktown City	27	39	2	15	180
Sunshine G.C	27	39	4	16	188
Wollongong City	27	41	4	14	193
St George	27	39	3	17	194
Melita Eagles	27	45	2	16	195
Melbourne Croatia	28	45	2	16	217



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Amateurs make special awards

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is holding a presentation of inaugural Special Awards to a number of recipients, who have been nominated as the one person in their Association most worthy to receive such an award.

These awards recognise their outstanding service to Soccer in their area.

The function has been set down for Saturday June 23 at 2pm at Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta.

Light refreshments will be served.

FIFA supports NSW Amateurs over shinguard law

THE persistence of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has brought its reward in the matter of the wearing of shinguards in football matches.

The Federation had no quibble over the official rule that shinguards be worn.

However the Australian Soccer Federation and state bodies were following the letter of the law, in that offenders were reported to them for disciplinary action.

With over 110,000 registered players in some 9,000 teams, the practicality of reporting was beyond a joke.

The Amateurs wanted a system under which players are prevented from going on the field if they are not wearing regulation shinguards.

The NSW ASF has now received a letter from FIFA general secretary Sep Blatter approving their idea, which is, after all, a victory by commonsense.

— KEITH GILMOUR

FREE COACHING COURSES

FREE Level 0 and Level 1 Soccer Coaching Courses are being provided over the next few weeks at over 40 locations throughout New South Wales.

The courses are a total of 12 hours duration, three hours of which relate to general coaching principles, while the remaining nine hours will concentrate on specific soccer theory and practical coaching.

Courses will be conducted by fully qualified coaches and will result in certificates being issued to successful participants in both courses.

The costs of these courses will be met jointly by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation who pay for the provision of the coach and the NSW Soccer Federation, who pay for the cost of travel.

It is generally accepted that one of the major keys to sport development is coaching education.

After attending one of these courses, coaches will be more effective and their improved coaching skills will help players get more out of Soccer.

A Level 0 course is six hours in duration and aims to give participants a first exposure to coaching information and duties.

Content is directed at children's sport and covers basic soccer skills, group organisation, planning, child development, safety aspects, modified soccer and activities and administration of junior programs.

Level 1

The Level 1 course is also six hours in duration and is a basic guide, providing the expertise

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

Booragul High battle back

DOWN 0-1 within minutes of kick-off, Booragul battled its way back to snatch a hard

look

No so young Greg Blyth who nipped in to give the goalkeeper no chance and give the Bay a great start.

Midway through the half, Stuart Riley swept in from the right and noting that the goalkeeper was off his line lobbed the ball over his head to level the scores

Almost on half-time, Booragul went on the attack and from a loose ball Sean Matthews let fly.

The keeper appeared to have it covered but a tragic deflection saw the ball shoot well out of his reach and into the net

Bank Bill Turner Cup, scoring five goals in each half

After a number of years in the wilderness, St Pius could be in for a revival this season.

Astute judges at the ground put much of the success of the side on Trevor Stuart, Steven Bailey and Steven Hardy.

To their credit, Waratah did not give up with Hung Vo, Neville Nicolic and Danny Petrovski making the best of limited opportunities.

St Pius X, Adamstown 10 (Steven Hardy 3, Ben Mulley 2, Trevor Stuart 2, Steven Bailey 2, Brandon Malone) Waratah 0 — at Alder Park, New Lambton. Referee: Victor Phillips.

The second half was a medley of mixed chances from both sides.

It was a very even game which could have gone either way

Both coaches, Ivan Hooper of Booragul and Gary Mears of Warners Bay, worked hard with buckets of water to clean up the players' faces and eyes during the game.

Booragul 2 (Stuart Riley, Sean Matthews) Warners Bay 1 (Greg Blyth). Referee: M. D. Winter.

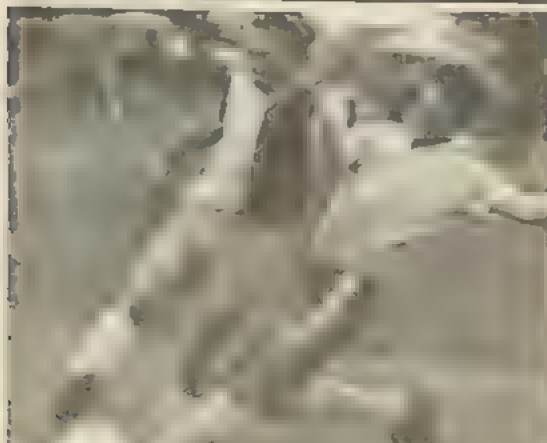
Goal Spree

St Pius X, Adamstown, went on a goalscoring spree against the young side from Waratah in their Round Two game.



Players from Illawarra Region were well represented at the recent NSW Academy of Sport camps held for the first time this year. A total of 26 players attended the two camps and benefited greatly from the coaching received. Pictured with Regional Director of Coaching Chris James are the under 13 players.

Illawarra Region Soccer Association			
ROUND 10 SUNDAY JUNE 3 DIVISION A			
Stn Branch	v	Canterbury	U11 U12
St George	v	Illawarra	3-2 0-4
Granville	v	Macarthur	3-0 1-0
Bankstown	v	Bankstown	2-3 3-2
Stn Districts	v	Sutherland	0-1 0-4
			0-5 2-2
DIVISION B ROUND 7 & 8 SUNDAY MAY 27 & JUNE 3			
Stn & East v bye			
Ku-ring-gai	v	Nepean	1-8 0-5
Macquarie	v	Gladesville	0-3 0-0
Macquarie	v	Gladesville	0-3 2-2
Central Coast	v	Manly	1-2 1-0
Stn & East	v	Ku-ring-gai	1-0 4-0
Nepean	v	Macquarie	5-1 2-1
Gladesville	v	Central Coast	3-2 1-3
Manly v bye			



A Fairfield City U17 Youth League player (right) comes in on his Central Coast opponent. — H. Carrasco.



Aurelio Vidmar



FAIRFIELD ATHLETIC U/7 TEAM, winner of the "Fairfield City Games" in its grade.



FAIRFIELD ATHLETIC U/6 TEAM, runner-up in the last "Fairfield City Games", U/6 grade.

Italia '90 ... Italia '90 ... Italia '90

GROUP A

ITALY v AUSTRIA 1-0

Super sub Schillaci

ROME — Second half substitute Salvatore Schillaci scored a 78th minute winner for World Cup favourite Italy against Austria

to salvage Italian pride in their Group A opener.

Gianluca Vialli beat his Austrian marker on the right of the penalty area and his cross found Schillaci unmarked between two defenders for a header which released the pent-up tension in a packed Olympic stadium.

Italy was beginning to run out of ideas

while Carnevale and Gianluca Vialli missed sitters.

Vialli should have scored when he ran on to mis-hit back-pass, but with the goalkeeper at his mercy he slipped it past the left post.

Then Carnevale, posing all sorts of problems for the stretched Austrian defence, shot over from only two metres out.

Carlo Ancelotti hit a screaming shot just wide after Carnevale let Vialli's pass run through his legs.

Austria, which was hanging on by the skin of its teeth, nearly snatched a surprise goal in a snap raid four

Ogris to Gerhard Rodax, their newest scoring sensation.

Ogris almost repaid Hickersberger's faith in him after 19 minutes when he picked up a loose ball in his own half and ran all the way to the Italian penalty area.

Andreas Herzog chipped clear to Toni Polster but the Italians had come out quickly to catch him offside.

Herzog had been booked by Brazilian referee Jose Wright in the fifth minute when he caught Roberto Donadoni in the stomach with a high tackle.

Italy walked off at half-time to a standing ovation from the packed Olympic stadium.

For the partisan fans the only thing missing from a display of championship football was a goal.

And when that came, the capacity crowd erupted.

The 72,000 spectators had been furious early in the second half when Brazilian referee Jose Wright failed to award a clear-cut penalty to Italy for a blatant foul in the box on Donadoni.

ITALY: Zenga, Barresi, Bergomi, Ferri, Maldini, Ancelotti (De Agostini 45m), De Napoli, Giannini, Donadoni, Carnevale (Schillaci 74m), Vialli.

AUSTRIA: Lindenberger, Aigner, Pecl, Schottel, Russ, Artner (Zsak 61m), Streiter, Linzmayer (Hoernagel 76m), Herzog, Polster, Ogris.

SCORER: Schillaci 78m.

YELLOW CARD: Herzog 7m for Austria.

REFEREE: Jose Ramiz Wright (Brazil).

CROWD: 72,302.

ITALY: Free kicks 14, Corners 8, Shots on target 8, Shots off target 12.

AUSTRIA: Free kicks 14, Corners 2, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 7.

TABLES

(As of June 11)

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Italy	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
USA	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Cameroun	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Argentina	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
USSR	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Germany	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Colombia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
UAE	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Yugoslavia	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

SCORERS

2 — Marius Lacatus (Romania), Tomas Skuhravy (Czechoslovakia), Careca (Brazil), Lothar Matthaeus (West Germany).

1 — Francois Omam-Biyik (Cameroun), Bernardo Redin (Colombia), Carlos Valderrama (Colombia), Salvatore Schillaci (Italy), Michal Bilek (Czechoslovakia), Ivan Hasek (Czechoslovakia), Milan Luhovy (Czechoslovakia), Paul Calliguri (USA), Tomas Brodin (Sweden), Juergen Klinemann (West Germany), Rudi Voeller (West Germany), Davor Josic (Yugoslavia).



Gianluca Vialli

after failing to score from half a dozen clear-cut chances in its opening Group A match, but Schillaci's goal saved the day.

Italy carved out five clear-cut chances in the first half but Austria survived the opening onslaught to finish 0-0 at the interval.

The Austrians spent the first half hour pushed back in their own half as Italy attacked relentlessly.

Austrian goalkeeper Klaus Lindenberger was working overtime as he blocked close-range shots from Andrea Carnevale and Giuseppe Giannini,

minutes from time.

Defender Kurt Russ found himself free on the right hand side of the penalty area but by the time he lined up his right foot shot, Paolo Maldini had raced across to block the ball to send it spinning over for a corner.

Italy manager Azeglio Vincini surprised everyone by leaving out the world's most expensive footballer Roberto Baggio, for whom Juventus paid Fiorentina a staggering 14 million dollars, from the starting line.

Austrian manager Josef Hickersberger also raised eyebrows by preferring Andreas

CZECHOSLOVAKIA v USA 5-1

No joy for Yanks

FLORENCE — The United States' return to the World Cup after an absence of 40 years turned into a nightmare as Czechoslovakia crushed them 5-1 in their Group A opener.

The inexperience of the Americans was cruelly exposed as Czechoslovakia ran riot.

If giving away five goals was not enough the Americans were reduced to 10 when Swiss referee Kurt Rohlisberger sent off forward Eric Wynalda nine minutes into the second half for persistent fouling.

Even a brilliant solo effort by Paul Caligiuri in the 60th minute when he beat the defence, dribbled round the goalkeeper and slotted the ball home could do nothing to lift the gloom in the American camp.

The Czechs went into the lead in the 25th minute when the American defence was "suckered" out of position by Lubomir Moravcik on the right.

Three defenders rushed to pick up Moravcik, who then slipped the ball across to Tomas Skuhravy standing all alone in the middle of the area.

Goalkeeper Tony Meola could only look on helplessly as Skuhravy put away the easiest chance that is likely to come his way this tournament.

Eleven minutes later Czechoslovakia went two ahead when USA captain Mike Windischmann chopped down Ivan Hasek as he broke through just inside the box.

Swiss referee Kurt Rohlisberger had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Meola guessed right but nothing nor no-one could stop Michal Bilek's rocket into the

top right hand corner.

The Czechs put the match beyond doubt eight minutes into the second half when Meola was caught off his line by a corner to the near

fifth.

The only consolation for the "out of their depth Americans" was that Czechoslovakia missed at least three other easy goal scoring



FRANTISEK STRAKA

post. Ivan Hasek turned his defender to head into an empty net.

Ten minutes from time Skuhravy put the icing on the cake with his second goal of the afternoon by heading home from a corner.

Right on time the American defence got itself into a terrible tangle and Milan Luhovy poked home a

chances and Meola saved a last-minute penalty from an over-confident Bilek who tried to chip the ball in.

The win puts the Czechoslovakia on top of the group, ahead of Italy on goal difference.

For America, the nightmare continues. They face the slick-moving Italians in Rome on Thursday.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Siskal, Kadlec, Kocian, Straka, Hasek, Bilek, Chovanec, Kubik, Moravcik (Weiss 82m), Skuhravy, Knoflicek (Luhovy 77m).

USA: Meola, Trittschuh, Windischmann, Armstrong, Harkes, Ramos, Stollmeyer (Balboa 66m), Calliguri, Vermees, Wynalda (sent off 53m), Murray (Sullivan 79m).

SCORERS: Skuhravy 25 & 79 mins, Bilek 39m (pen), Hasek 52m, Luhovy 90m.

YELLOW CARDS: Kubik 31m, Kadlec 52m for Czechoslovakia; Meola 39m, Trittschuh 43m for USA.

RED CARD: Wynalda 53m for USA.

REFEREE: Kurt Roethlisberger (Switzerland).

CROWD: 33,266 in Flor.

STATS

USA: Free kicks 22, Corners 2, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 3.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Free kicks 18, Corners 7, Shots on target 10, Shots off target 10.



— TONY MEOLA — AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — JUNE 13, 1990 21

GROUP B

CAMEROUN v ARGENTINA 1-0

World Champs Humbled



ITALIA '90

SHELL-SHOCKED

MILAN: Last week Cameroun striker Francois Omam Biyik announced he did not believe in miracles. He does now.

The 23-year-old player from the French Second Division took on the world champion team and beat it when he headed home in the 66th minute.

Biyik had warned before the start of the World Cup opener that Cameroun had nothing to lose and he would not be overawed by taking on Diego Maradona and his 1986 all-stars.

"Cameroun beaten by Argentina will surprise no one. We have nothing to lose so I will just go out and play," said Biyik.

He did. Finding himself alone in the penalty area, he powerfully headed the ball down towards the far post.

Surprised Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido was too slow and too late to stop it crossing the line and Biyik was suddenly the hero of Africa.

"The past couple of years have not been a lot of fun. First an operation on my ligaments in '88 and then going down in the Second Division with Laval.

"I am young and ambitious and I want to show what I can do," he added.

He did.

Shell-shocked Argentine captain Diego Maradona has refused to blame goalkeeper Nery Pumpido for Cameroun's stunning win.

Refusing to take anything away from the Africans, Maradona says the blame cannot be placed with one player as the whole team lost.

Maradona says it's now up to manager Carlos Bilardo to find a winning formula to get Argentina past the Soviet Union and Romania and through to the second round.

He says the defending champions cannot afford one more mistake and are determined to put the defeat behind them as quickly as possible.

MILAN — Cameroun, which finished the match with only nine players, scored a 1-0 victory over defending champion Argentina in the opening game of the World Cup — one of the big upsets in the 60-year history of the championship.

Francois Omam Biyik scored the only goal of the game in the 66th minute after Cameroun had been reduced to 10 players.

Defender Andrea Kana Biyik was ejected in the 62nd minute for a foul on Argentina substitute Claudio Cannigia.

Biyik scored after the Argentine defence failed to clear a freekick from the left.

He was given a free header which he directed downwards and goalkeeper Nery Pumpido let the ball slip under his body.

Defender Benjamin Massing also was sent off in the dying minutes after a blatant foul on Caniggia.

The Cameroun team played rugged defensive soccer and repeatedly threatened Argentina on the counterattack.

Argentine captain Diego Maradona was frequently fouled by the Cameroun defence, but otherwise had little impact on the game.

Cameroun maintained its remarkable unbeaten record in World Cup play.

It drew all three of its opening round games in 1982, but was eliminated because its group rivals scored more goals.

The teams were level 0-0 at halftime but the African team played impressively throughout, creating several scoring opportunities with quick interpassing.

Goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono had only a handful of saves to make as Argentina struggled to attack throughout the 90 minutes.

Cameroun could well have finished the first half a goal down instead of the 0-0 scoreline.

The Africans shrugged off the training camp rows which cost goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell his place to shock the world champion team with

some relaxed, controlled football.

Cyrille Makanaky, his dreadlocks shaking as he ran, went desperately close to opening the scoring in the 22nd minute.

He beat Nery Pumpido

Biyik's snap shot in the 38th minute had Pumpido scrambling down at the near post to push the ball round for a corner with the Argentine defence in disarray.

FIFA instructed re-

leased down the right.

By the time the first half finished it was Cameroun which was in charge and looking like the defending champion.

CAMEROUN: Nkono, Massing (sent off 88m), Ebwelle, Kunde, Tataw, Ndip,



Diego Maradona may think his team is still Number One, but Saturday's result indicates Argentina's crown may be slipping.

pido who had raced out of his goal, but Jose Basualdo hurried back to turn the ball past the post.

The move was an immediate reply to Diego Maradona's first corner of the match for Argentina.

Cameroun went close twice more — once when Louis-Paul Mfede volleyed in a fierce shot after 34 minutes which would have hit the back of the Argentine net if it had not been deflected by a defender.

Then Andre Kana

feeres to clamp down on rough play and French official Michel Vautrot did not hesitate to caution Benjamin Massing in the ninth minute when he fouled Maradona from behind.

Cameroun teammate Victor Ndip was the next man to be shown the yellow card for another foul on Maradona.

Argentine defender Roberto Sensini was booked for stopping a threatening move by handling the ball as Makanaky was re-

Kana Biyik (sent off 61m), Mbouni Mhran, Miede, Makanaky, Omam Biyik.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido, Ruggeri, Simon, Fabbri, Lorenzo, Batista, Burruchaga, Basualdo, Sensini, Balbo, Maradona.

SCORER: Omam Biyik 66m for Cameroun.

YELLOW CARDS: Ndip 23m, Mbouni Mbouni 52m for Cameroun; Sensini 27m for Argentina.

RED CARDS: Kana Biyik 61m, Massing 88m for Cameroun.

REFEREE: M. Vautrot (France).

CROWD: 73,780 in Milan.

STATS

ARGENTINA: Freekicks 21, Corners 5, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 4.

CAMEROUN: Freekicks 14, Corners 2, Shots on target 3, Shot off target 6.

ROMANIA v USSR 2-0

Bravo Lacatus!

BARI — Marius Lacatus scored a goal in each half to lead Romania to an impressive 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union in their opening World Cup Group B match.

combined brilliantly in the absence of star forward Gheorghe Hagi, who missed the match through suspension.

Ionu Popescu was a tower of strength in midfield, while Iosif Rotariu drove forward repeatedly from the back.

The Soviets over-elaborated in attack and lacked any real spark in midfield, particularly after Lacatus' second goal.

Lacatus had a chance



Lacatus, roaming wide on the right, scored the opening goal in the 41st minute and then clinched the victory with a 54th minute penalty after Soviet defender Vagiz Khidiyatul in was ruled to have handled in the penalty area.

Romania played with a well-organised defence and the pace of its attackers repeatedly worried the Soviet back-line.

The victory lifted Romania to the head of Group B, in which all the teams now have played one match.

Lacatus' opening goal came against the run of the play.

Romanian goalkeeper Silviu Lung made three fine saves to thwart the Soviet forwards early in the game before the Romanians carved out their first real chance.



Lacatus beat the Soviet defence with his speed and cut in from the right, driving a right-footed shot past goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev who was beaten at the near post.

The goal gave the Romanians an obvious lift and they dominated the contest from that point on.

Lacatus made no mistake with his second half penalty, driving the ball past the helpless Dasayev. He and young striker Florin Raducioiu

OLEG PROTASOV

to complete his hat-trick in the 75th minute, but shot wide on an apparent easy opportunity.

Romania is bidding to make it past the first round of the World Cup for the first time in five attempts.

ROMANIA: Lung, Rednic, Klein, Andone, Rotariu, G. Popescu, Lupescu, Sabau, Timofte, Lacatus (Dumitrescu 87m), Raducioiu (Balint 80m).



GICA POPESCU

USSR: Dasayev, Beesonov, Kutzneisov, Rata, Khidiyatulin, Goriukovich, Litovchenko (Yaremchuk 85m), Aleinikov, Protasov, Zavarov, Dobrovolsky (Borodluk 72m).

SCORER: Lacatus 44 & 55 (pen) mins for Romania.

YELLOW CARD: Lacatus 44m for Romania.

REFEREE: Juan Cardellino (Uruguay).

CROWD: 42,960 in Bari.

STATS

ROMANIA: Free kicks 12, Corners 4, Shots on target 11, Shots off target 11.

USSR: Free kicks 14, Corners 0, Shots on target 11, Shots off target 8.





RUDI VÖLLER
(West Germany)

W. GERMANY v YUGOSLAVIA 4-1

Milan connection trounces Slavs

MILAN — Captain Lothar Matthaus scored two great goals to power an impressive West Germany past Yugoslavia 4-1 in their World Cup opening game.

Matthaus scored first with a left-foot curling shot in the 28th minute and added a powerful right-foot drive in the 65th minute.

Striker Juergen Klinsmann added to that in the 39th minute with a diving header, and Rudi Voeller completed the West German scoring in the 71st minute when he pushed over the line a cross that goalie Tomislav Ivkovic failed to control.

After trailing 2-0, Yugoslavia scored with a powerful header from Davor Jozic in the 55th.

Matthaus and Klinsmann performed in their packed home stadium of Inter Milan, where some 20,000 West German fans celebrated the easy win of the World Cup favorite

by waving flags and banners.

West Germany joined the top of Group D with Colombia who beat the United Arab Emirates 2-0 on Saturday.

"It is a great team," said West German coach Franz Beckenbauer.

"We cannot play a lot better... The players showed they were in optimal shape," he added.

Once West Germany had opened the comfortable 4-1 lead, it controlled the rest of the match, never giving Yugoslavia and the disappointing playmaker Dragan Stojkovic a chance.

Matthaus broke open a tough, hard-fought first half in the 28th minute with a curling

GROUP D

left-foot drive from 24 metres.

Defender Stefan Reuter served him a deep ball, Matthaus turned around and outclassed Jozic and shot past Ivkovic.

Eleven minutes later defender Andreas Brehme — another Inter player — floated in a cross from the left and Klinsmann dived forward to meet it with a glancing header for yet another great goal.

After the Yugoslav goal, West Germany was hardly upset. Matthaus again did the captain's job to push his team ahead with his 26-metre drive from the centre.

In the 71st minute, Brehme again crossed from the left, Ivkovic couldn't control the ball and Voeller charged to the goalmouth to push it over the line.

WEST GERMANY: Illgner, Reuter, Brehme, Augenthaler, Buchwald, Berthold, Haessler (Moller 74m), Matthaus, Bein (Littbarski 74m), Voller, Klinsmann.

YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Spasic, Vullc, Hadzibegic, Jozic (Brovic 55m), Susic (Prosinacki 55m), Stojkovic, Vujovic, Katanec, Baljic, Simunovic.

SCORERS: Matthaus 29 & 63m, Klinsmann 40m, Voller 70m for West Germany; Jozic 55m for Yugoslavia.

YELLOW CARDS: Brehme 7m for West Germany.

REFEREE: Peter Mikkelsen (Denmark).

CROWD: 74,765.

STATS

WEST GERMANY: Free kicks 15, Corners 2, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 10.

YUGOSLAVIA: Free kicks 15, Corners 4, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 2.

HISTORIC VICTORY

SOME hailed a sensational triumph, others gloated over Maradona's defeat, but sports pages worldwide agreed Cameroun made World Cup history in upsetting defending champion Argentina.

"Argentina Humiliated," screamed the front-page headline of Italy's Corriere dello Sport. "Cameroun bends the champions 1-0."

"Cameroun have made an indelible mark on the history of African soccer, on the history of world soccer," a commentator said on national television.

Street celebrations also erupted in other African nations, where governments encouraged shops and businesses to close early Friday so people could watch the match.

Abidjan's official daily, Fraternite Matin, said: "From Dakar to Addis Ababa, from Kinshasa to Lagos, the tam tams (drums) began beating to celebrate the most magnificent exploit ever accomplished by an African football team."

COLOMBIA v UAE

Valderrama stars

BOLOGNA — A determined Colombia overcame sweltering heat and a host of missed chances to beat the United Arab Emirates 2-0 in their opening Group D World Cup match.

A powerful header from Bernardo Redin in the 50th minute, after a clever one-two by Leonel Alvarez which broke the off-side trap,



CARLOS VALDERRAMA

set up the win.

Midfielder Carlos Valderrama — the best player on the field — made sure with a brilliant solo effort five minutes from the finish which ended with a blistering shot from the edge of the area that gave Mossa in the Emirates goal no chance.

It was just reward for Colombia which continued to plug away, despite a shortage of skill up front that wasted a host of chances set up by Valderrama.

The French-based star was cutting huge



holes in the Emirates defence, only to look on to horror as the Colombian attack foundered.

The Emirates, in their few real attacking moves, fared little better.

Only Al Taliyani posed any problems to the Colombian defence and he nearly equalised in the 52nd minute.

It took some brave goalkeeping by Rene Higuita, who took the ball off Al Taliyani's toe, to stop what looked a certain goal.

In was only in the final minutes of the first half that the UAE made any real effort to take the game to Colombia.

Again it was Al Taliyani who was the threat. He had a powerful shot blocked by Higuita and then seconds later he collected a loose back-pass but lacked the skill to put it away.

COLOMBIA: Higuita, Escobar, Glidardo Gomez, Herrera, Perez, Gabriel Gomez, Valderrama, Redin, Alvarez, Rincon, guan (Estrada 76m).

UAE: Faraj, I.M. Abdulrahman, K.G. Mubarak, Mohamed, E.I. Abdulrahman, N.K. Mubarak, A.M. Abdullah, Abbas, Jumas, Al Taliyani, F.K. Mubarak.

SCORERS: Redin 50m, Valderrama 65m for Colombia.

YELLOW CARDS: E.I. Abdulrahman 58m, Mohamed 57m, I.M. Abdulrahman 76m for UAE.

REFEREE: George Courtney (England).

CROWD: 29,000 in Bologna.

STATS

COLOMBIA: Free kicks 15, Corners 1, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 7.

UAE: Free kicks 22, Corners 5, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 4.

GROUP C



Tomas Brodin's second half goal for Sweden gave the South American stars a scare but it was not enough to silence the samba drums.

Both teams stuck to their promise to keep the game tight in the early stages of the tournament. It was nearly 15 minutes before there was a worthwhile attack but it was something special.

However it was Brazil who were doing most of the pressing and they should have done better with two long shots from Dunga and Branco which sailed yards wide.

But after Carlos Mozer had been booked for a late tackle from behind on Brodin, Careca made no mistake with his accuracy to put Brazil ahead, latching on to a defence-splitting pass from Alemao before rounding Thomas Ravelli and sidefooting home. That goal brought Brazil to life and only a brave dive by Ravelli prevented Alemao putting the South Americans further ahead two minutes from the interval.

Sweden introduced Stefan Pettersson after the interval in place of

BRAZIL v SWEDEN 2-1

Careca sinks Sweden

TURIN — Two flashes of magic from the boots of Careca gave Brazil a 2-1 win over Sweden in their opening Group C match here today.

Mats Magnusson in a bid to pep up their attack and it worked.

Taffarel had to be on his toes three times in rapid succession in the 50th minute prevent a Swedish equaliser.

The Swedish pressure appeared to be telling on Brazil as Branco was booked for hacking down Pettersson in the 61st minute.

But a stunning raid down the right to produce Brazil's second goal a minute later proved otherwise. Muller fastened on to a long ball out of defence before playing a perfect cross into the path of the unmarked Careca, who tapped home.

A fierce Pettersson volley had Taffarel at full stretch in the 67th minute, but he could do nothing about Brodin's low shot in the 79th minute after the little striker had left Mozer for dead.

The Swedes then piled everything into attack which left them open to the counter-attack and Ravelli did well to push round a chip from Alemao.

Careca also had two fine chances to complete his hat-trick, but

was way off target.

However, it was Sweden who finished up on the attack and after Dunga had been cautioned for a foul on Limpar, Klas Ingesson floated a chip agonisingly close in the dying seconds.

BRAZIL: Taffarel, Jorginho, Mauro Galvao, Mozer, Ricardo Gomez, Branco, Alemao, Dunga, Valdo (Silas 82m), Careca, Muller.

SWEDEN: Ravelli, P. Larsson, Ljung (Stromberg 70m),

R. Nilsson, Schwarz, Ingesson, Limpar, J. Nilsson, Thern, Smith, Magnusson.

SCORERS: Careca 40 & 63m for Brazil; Brodin 79m for Sweden.

YELLOW CARDS: Branco 60m, Dunga 88m for Brazil; Brodin 40m for Sweden.

REFEREE: Tullio Lanese (Italy).

CROWD: 62,000 in Turin.

STATS

BRAZIL: Free kicks 19, Corners 1, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 6.

SWEDEN: Free kicks 19, Corners 5, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 3.



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Minnows hog limelight

UNDERDOGS South Korea need a win against Belgium today (Wednesday) to have any realistic chance of qualifying in a group rated the toughest in the World Cup first round.

"If we want to go through, we have to win at least one match — the one against Belgium," South Korea's coach Lee Hoe-taik said. Belgium will be thinking the same of South Korea.

Belgium's national coach Guy Thys will not be complacent against South Korea.

"They are difficult opponents. In fact, there are no easy opponents any more," Thys said.

Thys, who also led Belgium during their 1982 and 1986 campaigns, still has to solve the problem of his central defence. He has tried out several combinations in three friendly matches over the past two weeks but has yet to find the best solution.

Lee may also welcome the expected absence from Thys's line-up of menacing striker Jan Ceulemans, Belgium's leading player for the past decade but slower on the ball recently and dog-

ged by a back problem.

But the Belgian coach is not the only one with worries. Lee will have to rely on his second goalkeeper Choi In-Young after the tall Kim Pung-joo injured his right knee in a friendly match with Spartak Moscow recently.

Egypt also take on Holland in their first match in the finals for 56 years today, knowing that they need something approaching a miracle to beat the European champions.

But they will take heart from Cameroon's victory over Argentina and Taher Abu Zeid, the man they call the "Maradona of the Nile" is not discounting another upset victory for Africa.

"Why not?" he says. "Miracles can happen. Teams who have been written off as having no hope, like we have been, still

have a chance of beating the big names."

Goalkeeper Ahmed Shoubier conceded just two goals in 10 internationals in 1989 and has been an influential and dynamic figure in the side since 1986.

And although the Egyptians have been dismissed as lightweight up front, with 23-year-old Hassam Hassan and Tarek Soliman not the most prolific strikers in the world, they have three attacking midfield players in Ismail Youssef, captain Gamel Abdelhamid and the lynchpin of the side, Magdi Abdelghani, who provide brilliant back up.

In the Egyptians' favour is the fact the Dutch are no longer quite the force they were two years when they swept to the European title in Germany.

That has largely been due to the long-term injury which has

kept Ruud Gullit out of action for almost a year.

But new coach Leo Beenhakker has made it clear that Gullit will play from the kick-off, and it seems probable that he will field the side which beat Yugoslavia 2-0 in Zagreb last week, with the exception of Erwin Koeman, who is struggling for fitness.

Gerard Vanenburg or Richard Witschge will probably take his place.

Gullit is eager to put his year of inactivity behind him, and although he is not as sharp as he once was, he can only improve with match practice.

Marco van Basten on the other hand has lost nothing of his goal touch and his partnership with a rejuvenated Wim Kieft will be crucial, not to mention something of a handful for Rabia Yassin and Hany Ramzy at the heart of the Egyptian defence.

Wild Italian celebrations

ROME — Italy's doubts and fears over the price of staging the World Cup evaporated in a raucous, uncontrollable night-long celebration of its first round victory against Austria.

Many Italians had looked forward to the World Cup with mixed emotions despite the religious aura of the "god-football" in this soccer-mad country.

A frantic rush to finish World Cup construction projects in time claimed the lives of 24 workers in accidents and made city life a misery for commuters.

Mediocre recent performances by the national team sparked widespread cynicism about the chances of Italy grabbing a record fourth World Cup, despite its favourite's ranking.

But it took only one magic moment, Italy's 78th minute winning goal in its opening match, to sweep away the doubts and fears.

The goal was greeted by a roar that echoed not only around Rome's Olympic Stadium but through most Italian homes where a record 24 million people — over three quarters of the viewing population — watched the match, according to the monitoring body Auditel.

A draconian anti-hooligan alcohol ban in Rome before and after the game did nothing to subdue a noisy, exuberant street party that went on until the early hours.

Italy's cities were eerie deserts during the match but immediately after the final whistle people poured into streets across the land.

Sleep was impossible for anyone living near Rome's main streets or squares as thousands of cars, draped in Italian flags and blowing their horns and hand-held klaxons, continuously toured the city in a joyous caravan.

Thousands of motorbikes breached police barriers into the historic centre and youths, their faces painted with the Italian tricolour, plunged into ancient fountains.

Most of the cars were quickly locked into chaotic traffic jams which police found impossible to unravel, but nobody seemed to care.

Drivers leapt from their seats and ran from car to car clambering on the bonnets and yelling victory chants through the windows.

Celebrations exploded in many other cities and villages too, including Palermo, home-town of Salvatore Schillaci, who scored the winning goal in fairy-tale style four minutes after coming on as a substitute. A year ago Schillaci played in the Second Division.

Radio and television bulletins and every Italian newspaper led with news of the victory.

The result, expected against unrated Austria, was more than just a first round victory.

It seemed to lift a heavy weight of anxiety from the shoulders of Italians worried that their country would lose face — the ultimate national shame — by staging a badly-organised World Cup.

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